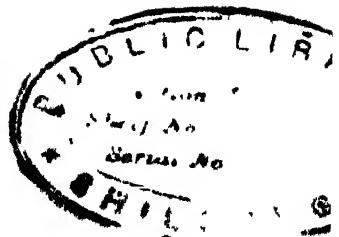




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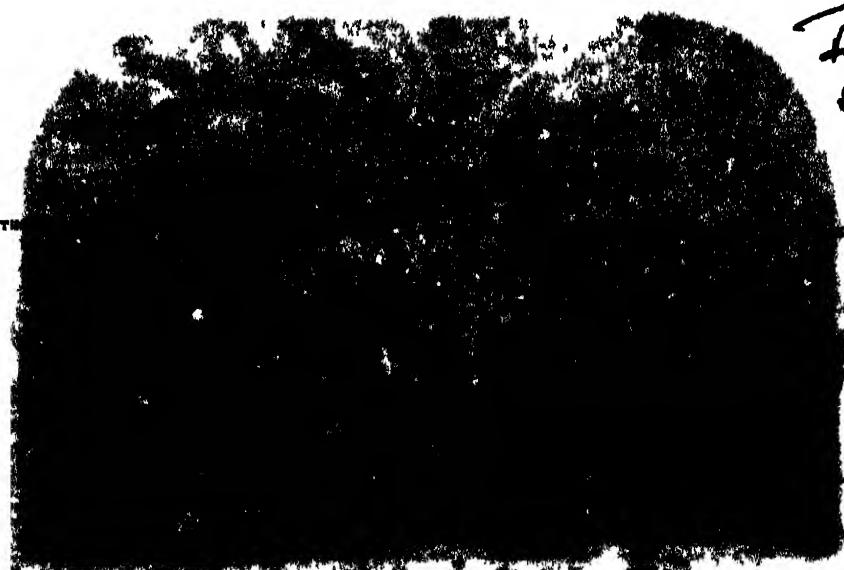
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PICTURESQUE VIEWS OF SEATS.

BAGSHOT PARK,

SURREY, NEAR WINDSOR, BERKSHIRE.—A ROYAL RESIDENCE.

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT.

"To see olden buildings, castles, the houses of an ancient aristocracy, and monasteries, we must visit the land of our fathers."

The present, as the previous volumes of this work, will show, in some degree, and I hope with effect, the truth of the remark of an American writer, which I have quoted before, for the examples I have so far been able to give of the "County Seats" of the noblemen and gentlemen of the United Kingdom, are not only not a fifth, but literally not a hundredth part of those which adorn our well-loved and grand old country from end to end, from north to south, and from east to west.

Bagshot Park has been a Royal demesne since the reign of King Henry the Eighth, and a frequent and favourite resort from time to time of various members of the Royal family.

His Royal Highness Prince Arthur William Patrick Albert Guelph, the third son of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, Duke of Connaught, Duke of Strathearn, and Earl of Sussex in the Peerage of the United Kingdom, Prince of the United Kingdom, Duke of Saxe, Prince of Saxe Coburg and Gotha, K.G., K.T., K.P., G.C.S.I., G.C.M.G., a Member of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, Major in the Seventh Hussars, and afterwards Lieutenant-Colonel of the First Battalion Rifle Brigade, Honorary Colonel of the London Irish Rifle Volunteers, Honorary Colonel of the Isle of Wight Artillery Militia, Military Aide-de-Camp to the Queen, Ruler

BAGSHOT PARK.

of Epping Forest, was born at Buxton, on the 20th of January, 1819, and died at Buxton on the 20th of January, 1884. He was a member of the Imperial Turkish Order of Osmanieh, and of the Order of the Garter. He married, at St. George's Chapel, Windsor, on the 20th of January, 1843, the Princess Louise Margaret Alexandra of Prussia, daughter of Prince Frederick Charles of Prussia.



BRANCEPETH CASTLE,

NEAR DURHAM, DURHAM.—LORD BOYNE.

BRANCEPETH was anciently a seat of the great and potent house of Nevill, Earls of Westmoreland, than which there is no other more eminent, nor any so eminent, in the whole range of British aristocracy.

The old castle had been built by the family of Bulmer before the Norman Conquest, and was strongly fortified with towers, and defended by a moat. Part of the original building still remains, and among other fine rooms the "Barons' hall," which in the year 1821 was ornamented with stained glass windows, the west one representing views of the memorable battle of Neville's Cross. The greater portion, however, was taken down by Matthew Russell, Esq., and the present noble structure erected on its site. It stands a little to the south of the village of the name. The Church is beautifully embowered in foliage. A stream, called the Hockley, runs through the park and falls into the Wear.

THIS is a branch of the ducal house of Hamilton, of which His Grace the Duke of Abercorn is the head. It springs from

THE EARL OF ARRAN (second of the title), Regent of Scotland, father of
LORD CLAUD HAMILTON, created BARON PAISLEY in 1535. His youngest son,

SIR FREDERICK HAMILTON, who married Sydney, daughter and heiress of Sir John Vaughan, signalised himself in the wars of Gustavus Adolphus, the renowned King of Sweden, and was afterwards made Governor of Ulster. His son,

GUSTAVUS HAMILTON, was a distinguished military officer in the service of King William the Third, for whom he raised six regiments, two of them still well known as the Inniskilling Dragoon Guards. For his services at the Battle of the Boyne, Siege of Londonderry, and taking of Athlone, he was rewarded with a grant of forfeited lands, appointed Brigadier-General of the King's armies, and made P.C. In the reign of Queen Anne he was advanced to the rank of Lieutenant-General, and elevated by George the First to the Peerage of Ireland, in 1715, as BARON HAMILTON, of Stockallen, and created VISCOUNT BOYNE, August 28th., 1717. He married Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Henry Brooke, of Brooke's Borough, in the county of Fermanagh. He died September 16th., 1723, having had, with other issue, an eldest son,

BRANCEPETH CASTLE.

FREDERICK HAMILTON, who left, ~~the Honourable~~ ~~of Brancepeth~~ ~~Count~~ Limerick, at his decease in 1715, ~~the~~ ~~honours~~ ~~devolved~~ ~~on~~ ~~his~~ ~~son~~ ~~Gustavus~~ ~~Hamil~~ ~~ton~~.

GUSTAVUS HAMILTON, second Viscount, ~~of Brancepeth~~ ~~Count~~ ~~of~~ ~~Red~~ ~~Wood~~, ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~King's~~ ~~County~~, ~~in~~ ~~Ireland~~, ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~year~~ ~~1746~~ ~~the~~ ~~honours~~ ~~devolved~~ ~~on~~ ~~his~~ ~~comin~~.

FREDERICK HAMILTON, third Viscount, ~~of Brancepeth~~ ~~Count~~ ~~of~~ ~~Red~~ ~~Wood~~, in the King's County, in Ireland, in the year 1772, son of Gustavus Hamilton, of Red Wood, in the King's County, in Ireland, by his wife, married in January, 1717, Bertha, daughter of Richard Believ, alias Lord Believ. (See Lord Believ.) He married, in 1737, Elizabeth, daughter of Captain Hedley, R.N., but dying without children, in 1772.

RICHARD HAMILTON, fourth Viscount, ~~of Brancepeth~~ ~~Count~~ ~~of~~ ~~Red~~ ~~Wood~~, 1724, who married Georgiana, second daughter of William, 1st Viscount Brancepeth, in the county of Limerick, by whom he had, with others, a son, Richard, 1750.

GUSTAVUS HAMILTON, fifth Viscount, ~~of Brancepeth~~ ~~Count~~ ~~of~~ ~~Red~~ ~~Wood~~, 1773, so named as he married Harriet, daughter of Gustavus Hamilton, 2nd Viscount Brancepeth, and died in 1814. His elder son, Sir George Brancepeth, Bart., died in 1814.

GUSTAVUS HAMILTON, sixth Viscount, ~~of Brancepeth~~ ~~Count~~ ~~of~~ ~~Red~~ ~~Wood~~, 1773, so named as he married Harriet, daughter of Benjamin Daugh, of Brancepeth, and died in 1855, at Brancepeth, March 30th., 1855, leaving no issue, and hence he died without issue.

GUSTAVUS HAMILTON, seventh Viscount Brancepeth, 1801, son of Gustavus Hamilton, 5th Viscount, who died September 9th., 1828, Emma Maria, daughter of Richard Russell, 1st Earl of Bedford, and died in 1850, at Brancepeth Castle, Durham, and as he died without issue, and as he had no son, and as his brother died in 1850, he assumed, by Royal License, the name and arms of RUSSELL in addition to his own. His Lordship was created Viscount BRANCEPETH, August 31st., 1866. He died October 27th., 1872, having no issue.

GUSTAVUS RUSSELL HAMILTON RUSSELL, eighth Viscount, ~~of Brancepeth~~ ~~Count~~ ~~of~~ ~~Red~~ ~~Wood~~, 1830, married, September 2nd., 1853, Hon. Elizabeth, ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~honourable~~ ~~family~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~Earl~~ ~~of~~ ~~Bedford~~, ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~year~~ ~~1853~~, ~~the~~ ~~third~~ ~~daughter~~ ~~of~~ ~~John~~, ~~second~~ ~~Earl~~ ~~of~~ ~~Bedford~~, ~~and~~ ~~native~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~county~~ ~~of~~ ~~Bedford~~, ~~and~~ ~~son~~ ~~surviving~~ ~~the~~ ~~eldest~~, ~~being~~

THE HONOURABLE GUSTAVUS WENDELL HAMILTON RUSSELL, ~~of Brancepeth~~ ~~Count~~ ~~of~~ ~~Red~~ ~~Wood~~, 1864.



WYCOMBE ABBEY,

NEAR WYCOMBE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.—LORD CARRINGTON.

"THE situation of this seat is peculiarly happy, on the banks of the river, near the town, from the sight of which it is completely screened by beautiful groves. The grounds are extensive, and laid out with much taste, their effect being considerably heightened by an ornamental sheet of water, winding through them, terminated by an artificial cascade of considerable beauty and picturesque effect."

JOHN SMITH, of Cropwell Boteler, where he purchased land in 1628, died in 1641. By Elizabeth, his wife, he was father of

THOMAS SMITH, of Nottingham, and of Gaddesby, Leicestershire, baptised November 1st., 1631, married, his second wife, Fortune, daughter of Laurence Collin, and had three sons, of whom the younger—he died in 1699—was

ABEL SMITH, Esq., of Nottingham, and of East Stoke, a Banker, married Jane, daughter of George Beaumont, Esq., of Chapelthorpe, Yorkshire, and had three sons,

1. GEORGE SMITH, created a Baronet in 1757, whose son,

SIR GEORGE SMITH, BARONET, assumed the name of Bromley.

2. JOHN SMITH, of London, Merchant.

3. ABEL SMITH.

The third son,

ABEL SMITH, Esq., of Nottingham, Banker, M.P. for Aldborough in 1774, for St. Ives in 1780, and for St. Germain in 1785, married Mary, daughter of Thomas Bird, Esq., of Barton, Warwickshire, and had eight children, of whom the third son,

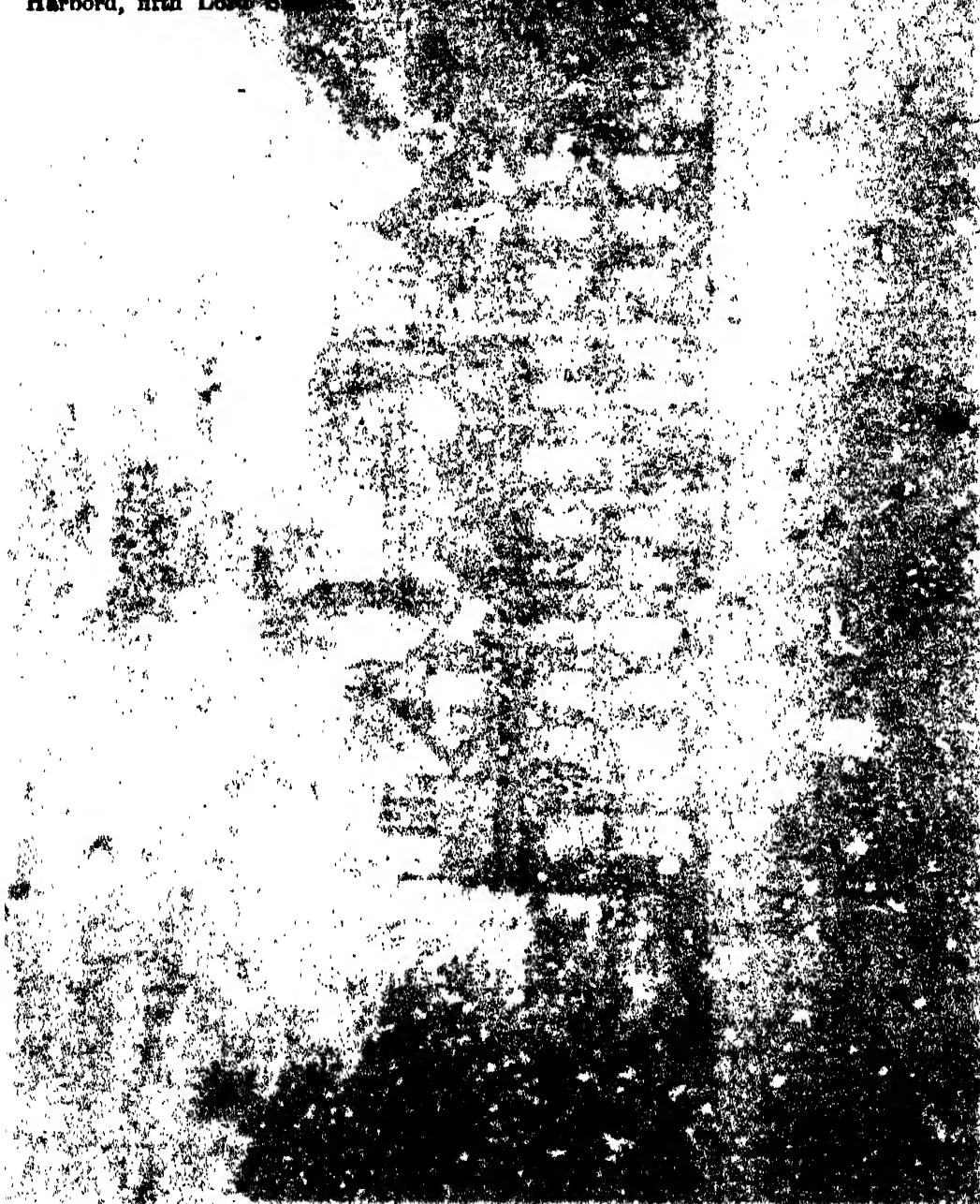
ROBERT SMITH, Esq., born in 1752, was elevated to the Peerage of Ireland, July 16th., 1796, as BARON CARRINGTON, of Bulcot Lodge, and to that of Great Britain, October 20th., 1797, as BARON CARRINGTON, of Upton, Nottinghamshire. His Lordship was Captain of Deal Castle, F.R.S.A., and D.C.L. He married, first, July 6th., 1780, Anne, daughter of Henry Boldre Barnard, Esq., of Cave Castle, Yorkshire, and their only son—he died September 18th., 1838—was

ROBERT JOHN SMITH, second BARON CARRINGTON, who took by sign manual, in 1839, the surname of CARRINGTON, in place of his patronymic, SMITH. He was M.P. for

WYCOMBE ABBEY.

many years. Died, Liverpool, and was buried in the church of St. John the Baptist, Birmingham, the 21st March, 1848.

CHARLES HARBOURD, Esq., of the 10th Hussars, B., Captain in the Boys' Horse Guards, born at Weybridge, Surrey, 1811, died at Weybridge, 1848. He married July 16th, 1837, Mary, daughter of Charles Harbord, fifth Lord Suffield.





WILLESLEY HALL,

NEAR ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH, LEICESTERSHIRE — EARL OF LOUDOUN.

WILLIAM DE CLIFTON, living in 1257, is stated to have been the ancestor of (sixth in descent)

THOMAS CLIFTON, who accompanied Henry the Fifth into France, 1415. He died in 1412, leaving by his wife Agnes, daughter of Sir Richard Molyneux, of Sefton, Knight, a son,

RICHARD CLIFTON, of Rawcliffe, Lancashire, ancestor of

THOMAS CLIFTON, Esq., of Westby, who married Anne, daughter and coheiress of Sir Cuthbert Halsall, of Halsall and Clifton. He died December 15th, 1657, and was succeeded by his eldest son,

CUTHBERT CLIFTON, Esq., of Clifton and Westby, who married, in 1641, Margaret, daughter and sole heiress of George Ireland, Esq., of Southworth, Lancashire, but having no children, was followed by his brother,

SIR THOMAS CLIFTON, born July 7th., 1623, created a Baronet in 1642. His first wife was Budget, daughter of Sir George Hencage, of Hainton, in the county of Lincoln, and they had several children, who all died young except one daughter. He married secondly, Bridget, daughter of Sir Edmund Hussey, Knight, of Huntington, Lincolnshire, but had no son. He died November 13th., 1694, when the Baronetcy became extinct, and the estates devolved on his nephew,

THOMAS CLIFTON, Esq., who married Eleanora Alathaea, daughter of Richard Walmsley, Esq., of Dunkenhalgh, Lancashire, and dying December 16th., 1720, was succeeded by his son,

THOMAS CLIFTON, Esq., of Clifton, Westby, and Lytham, born 1696. He married Mary, daughter of Richard, fifth Viscount Molyneux, and left at his decease, December 16th., 1784, a son,

THOMAS CLIFTON, Esq., of Clifton, Westby, and Lytham, who married thrice, the last wife being Lady Jane Bertie, daughter of Willoughby, third Earl of Abingdon, by whom alone he left surviving issue, one, an only, son, who, at his death, May 11th., 1783, succeeded as

JOHN CLIFTON, Esq., of Clifton, Westby, and Lytham, born 1764, who married in 1785, Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas Riddell, Esq., of Felton Park and Swinburne Castle, Northumberland, and had several children, of whom the eldest son (he died March 23rd., 1882,) was

WILLESLEY HALL

January
and
Malvern



HAMILTON PALACE,

NEAR HAMILTON, LANARKSHIRE.—DUKE OF HAMILTON.

IT is simply impossible, with the very limited space at my command, to give more than a mere outline of the descent of this illustrious house, and a most brief description of their splendid seat, the *embarras de richesse* in each case being so great.

As to the place, the park, which is of great extent, and the scenery of the most diversified beauty, is bounded on one side by a full sweep of the broad and majestic Clyde, and on another, at a distance of two miles, the river Evan runs between two lofty and precipitous banks, the one crowned by the Chateau of Chatelherault, and the other by the Castle of Cadzow, itself romantically situated on a high and steep rock overlooking the grand old forest of the same name.

Hamilton Palace is one of the most noble residences in Europe, and its collection of precious works of art and valuable curiosities far surpasses those of Chatsworth, or of Stowe as it was. In fact the whole place is all but of regal magnificence, and a mere catalogue of the contents of the house would fill a volume.

There is a splendid suite of royal rooms intended for the reception of persons of the most exalted ranks. The ancient gallery has its walls filled with a grand series of family portraits, from the Regent Duke of Chatelherault downwards, and these, as may be supposed, by many of the great artists, such as Cornelius Jansen, Vandyke, Mytens, Kneller, Lely, Reynolds, and others. It leads into another ancient suite of state apartments, adorned with many of the masterpieces of the Italian school of painting, namely, Bassano, Leonardo da Vinci, Guido, Guercino, Sassoferato, Pietro da Cortona, Titian, Bronzino, Luca Signorelli, Antonello da Messina, Sandro Botticelli, and Claude, besides others of the Spanish and Flemish schools.

Besides these are costly cabinets of ebony and other rare materials; oriental and ancient manuscripts; rare editions of the classic authors; etc., etc., etc.

The following is an outline of the descent of this eminent house:

ARCHIBALD DOUGLAS, of Douglas, died in 1240.

WILLIAM DOUGLAS, of Douglas.

WILLIAM DOUGLAS, of Douglas.

JAMES DOUGLAS, of Douglas.

HAMILTON PALACE.

ARCHIBALD DOUGLAS (his brother).

WILLIAM DOUGLAS, first EARL OF ANGUS.

GEORGE DOUGLAS, first EARL OF ANGUS.

WILLIAM DOUGLAS, second EARL OF ANGUS.

JAMES DOUGLAS, third EARL OF ANGUS.

GEORGE DOUGLAS, fourth EARL OF ANGUS.

ARCHIBALD DOUGLAS, fifth EARL OF ANGUS.

ARCHIBALD DOUGLAS, sixth EARL OF ANGUS.

SIR GEORGE DOUGLAS (his nephew).

DAVID DOUGLAS, seventh EARL OF ANGUS.

ARCHIBALD DOUGLAS, eighth EARL OF ANGUS, and 1st EARL OF MONTROSE.

SIR ARCHIBALD DOUGLAS.

SIR WILLIAM DOUGLAS (a descendant of the 1st Earl).

SIR WILLIAM DOUGLAS, ninth EARL OF ANGUS (on the death of his son).

WILLIAM DOUGLAS, tenth EARL OF ANGUS.

WILLIAM DOUGLAS, eleventh EARL OF ANGUS, second MARQUIS OF DOUGLAS, 1693.

LOD WILLIAM DOUGLAS, created EARL OF SELKIRK (eldest son of the 10th Earl, by a marriage

of his father), married Ann, Duchess of Hamilton, only daughter

of James Hamilton, Duke of Hamilton, and died on her person, the title of DUKE OF HAMILTON for life, and was succeeded in 1703. His eldest son,

JAMES DOUGLAS, EARL OF ARRAN, 1698, became by patent, April 12th, 1698,

1698, on the Duchess surrendering the Honour, DUKE OF HAMILTON, DUKE OF CLYDESDALE, etc., with the precedence of the original creation, April 12th, 1698, in

the same way as if he had regularly inherited, and was created an English peer

September 11th, 1711, as BARON OF DUTTON, and DUKE OF BRANDON.

JAMES DOUGLAS-HAMILTON, fifth DUKE OF HAMILTON, and 2nd DUKE OF BRANDON.

JAMES DOUGLAS-HAMILTON, sixth DUKE OF HAMILTON, and 3rd DUKE OF BRANDON.

JAMES GEORGE DOUGLAS-HAMILTON, seventh DUKE OF HAMILTON, and 4th DUKE OF BRANDON, who succeeded also as MARQUIS OF DOUGLAS, and EARL OF ANGUS, on the

decease of Archibald, last Duke of Douglas, in 1761.

DOUGLAS DOUGLAS-HAMILTON, eighth DUKE OF HAMILTON, and 5th DUKE OF BRANDON.

ARCHIBALD DOUGLAS-HAMILTON (his uncle), ninth DUKE OF HAMILTON, and 6th DUKE OF BRANDON.

ALEXANDER DOUGLAS-HAMILTON, tenth DUKE OF HAMILTON, and 7th DUKE OF BRANDON, K.C., F.R.S., F.S.A., Lord STIRLING, etc.

WILLIAM ALEXANDER ANTHONY ARCHIBALD DOUGLAS-HAMILTON, 11th DUKE OF HAMILTON, and 8th DUKE OF BRANDON, Lord STIRLING, etc.

WILLIAM ALEXANDER DOUGLAS STEPHEN DOUGLAS-HAMILTON, 12th DUKE OF HAMILTON, and 9th DUKE OF BRANDON.

ANDREW DOUGLAS-HAMILTON, 13th DUKE OF HAMILTON, Lord HAMILTON, etc.

MAGRATH DOUGLAS-HAMILTON, 14th DUKE OF HAMILTON, Lord HAMILTON, etc.

ARCHIBALD DOUGLAS-HAMILTON, 15th DUKE OF HAMILTON, Lord HAMILTON, etc.

KEEPER DOUGLAS-HAMILTON, 16th DUKE OF HAMILTON, Lord HAMILTON, etc.

MILNE DOUGLAS-HAMILTON, 17th DUKE OF HAMILTON, Lord HAMILTON, etc.

18th DUKE OF HAMILTON, Lord HAMILTON, etc.



HUTTON HALL,

NEAR PENRITH, CUMBERLAND.—VANE, BARONET.

HUTTON HALL is pleasantly situated on rising ground above a branch of the river Petherill, whose stream gives that accompaniment to the surrounding scenery without which no landscape can be considered complete.

The park is ornamented with fine trees, and its varied grounds give many fine views of the neighbouring country.

As I remarked in a former volume of this work, when a family has to be described which claims an Ancient British origin, going back before Norman or Saxon times, the account of its descent must needs be a long one. This at the same time prevents anything beyond an outline, in a case like the present, when space is necessarily limited.

A mere *catena* of the names is all then that I can give, as follows:—

HOWELL AP VANE, living before the Conquest.

GRIFFYDD (=GRIFFITH) AP HOWELL.

ENYON, surnamed "The Fayre."

JENN, married Gwenlyan, daughter of Keynan ap Meredith.

HENRY, whose wife was Johan, daughter of David Lloyd.

HENRY, married Margaret, daughter and heiress of John de la Dene.

JOHN, married a sister of Sir Richard Harley, Knight.

SIR HENRY VANE, Knighted for his valour at the battle of Poictiers, married Grace, daughter and heiress of Sir Stephen de la Leke, a French gentleman.

JOHN VANE, married to Isabel, daughter and heiress of Martyn St. Owen.

RICHARD VANE, who wedded Ellyn, daughter of Sir John Pembridge.

HENRY VANE, whose wife was Elizabeth, daughter of Peter Trayford, Esq.

HENRY VANE, of Hilden, Kent, married, in 1455, to Isabel, daughter and coheiress of Henry Persall.

JOHN VANE, or FANE, of Hilden, married Isabel, daughter of John Darkenoll, of Canterbury.

JOHN FANE, of Hadloe, whose wife was Joan, daughter and coheiress of Sir Edward Hawte, Knight.

HENRY FANE, of Hadloe, died June 11th., 1580, leaving by his wife Elizabeth,

Association of Henry Whiting, Jr., and the City of San Jose, California.

WILHELM HEINRICH RÖNTGEN
WILHELM HEINRICH RÖNTGEN

He

to Elizabeth, one daughter

Longfellow, Webster, and other teachers,

Bart. *... a*

wife, only daughter and heiress of a man who died at his death in 1775 an eldest son.

Sir Lionel Wright Fletcher-Vane, C.B., C.M.G., F.R.S., Vice-Chancellor of the University of Cambridge, and his

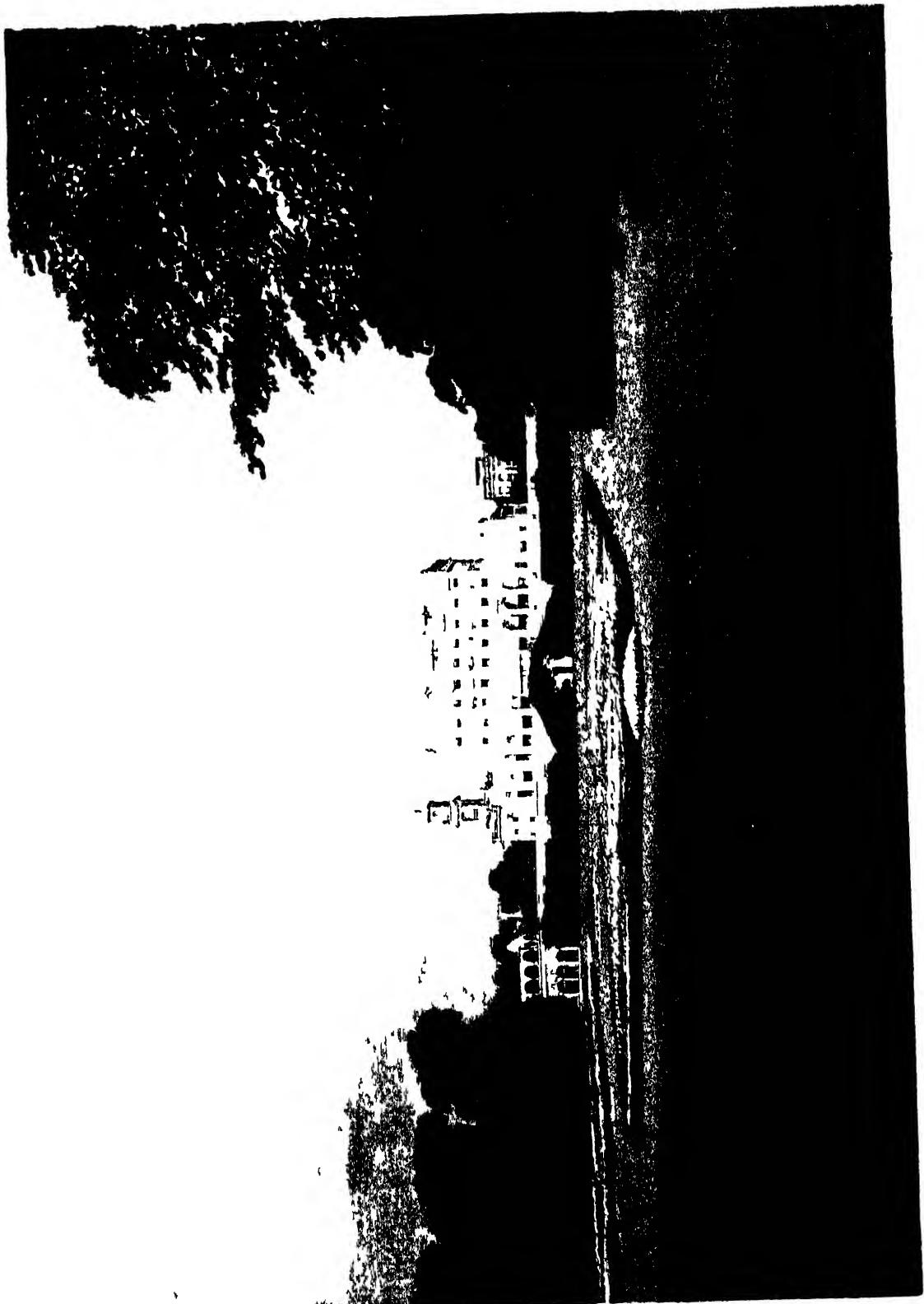
married Rachael, daughter of David Grange, and they have a son and a daughter, and their eldest son was

SIR FREDERICK FLETCHER-VANE, born February 27th, 1797. arch
24th, 1797. Hannah, daughter of John Bowerbank, Esq. and

to Diana Olivia, third daughter of Charles George Beauclerk, Earl's
of Stratford's

Lodge, Horsham, and died February 15th., 1842. His son, who succeeded him, was

Sir HENRY RALPH FLETCHER-VANCE, born January 18, 1810, died April 12th, 1871, to Margaret, eldest surviving daughter of the late Mr. Capencoch, Dumfriesshire.



CLIVEDEN,

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE, NEAR MAIDENHEAD, BERKSHIRE.—DUKE OF WESTMINSTER.

THE situation of Cliveden is exceedingly beautiful, looking down, over finely wooded slopes, on the winding Thames, with the Keep of Windsor Castle in the more distant view.

HELD at one time by

GEORGE VILLIERS, first Duke of Buckingham, who was struck down by the murderous hand of Felton, it went next to his son, of the same name, the second successor in the title,

GEORGE VILLIERS, "the wicked Duke of Buckingham," who, if possible, outdid his father in profligacy and extravagance. He was the B in the "CABAL" administration, and was a man of great talent and taste, who might have adorned his high station in life as much as he disgraced it. His end was as miserable as it well could be, and as it deserved to be. He was injured by a fall from his horse, from the effects of which he died, on the 6th. of April, 1688, at a small inn, whither he had been carried after the accident, at Kirkby-Moorside, in the North Riding of Yorkshire, neglected and despised by all, and without a single person near him in his last moments, to soothe or soften the conclusion of his evil career.—

"There, victor of his health, of fortune, friends,
And fame, this lord of useless thousands ends."

Since his death the estate has been in possession of various owners. At one time it became the property of

LORD WILLIAM HAMILTON, first EARL OF ORKNEY, probably through his wife, who had been of the Villiers family. It was subsequently inherited by

THE COUNTESS OF ORKNEY, in her own right, and by two following COUNTESSES, each in her own right.

The second COUNTESS OF ORKNEY married, in 1793, Murrough O'Brien, first Marquis of Thomond, a man of learning and taste, and the friend of Edmund Burke, with whom the place was a favourite resort.

On the 29th. of May, 1795, the house was entirely destroyed by fire.

In 1819 the property was sold to

SIR GEORGE WARENDER, BARONET, from whom it was purchased by the

... and from him, ...
... .

The family of His Grace the Duke of ... of French origin, as stated
in a previous volume of the present series.



MEER HALL,

NEAR DROITWICH, WORCESTERSHIRE.—BEARCROFT.

THIS ancient seat was held by the family of Bearcroft in lineal male descent from 1337, and it is thought probably from a much earlier date, down to the year 1822, when it was carried by an heiress to a member of another family, who then took the name.

The Hall was built by Thomas Bearcroft in the above-named year, 1337, the tenth of King Edward the Third's reign. It is a black-timbered mansion, approached by a fine old avenue of elm trees, and is sheltered on the other side by a beautifully wooded hill.

The front is crowned with a series of gables, those of the two wings of a larger size, the middle of the building having five lesser ones. In the centre is a clock, and above the roof is a lofty turret of an octagon shape.

During the Great Rebellion the then Bearcroft took the loyal side, and the Roundheads quartered themselves in his house, and turned the hall into a stable. He was set down by the rebels as an inveterate and confirmed malignant, and heavily fined, his name still appearing in the list of those who were compelled to compound for their estates.

I am indebted for the view of this ancient seat to Mrs. Henry Bearcroft (Miss Ellen Vernon), daughter of my good friend of former days, Mr. George Croft Vernon, to whom I have alluded in my account on another page of the family of Vernon of Hanbury Hall.

The old family of Bearcroft came to an end in the male line, when an heiress carried the representation of it to another, the name however being taken with the estate.

The next representative,

EDWARD HENRY BEARCROFT, Esq., of Meer Hall, married Elizabeth, daughter of James Bowen, Esq., of Pantyderry, in the county of Pembroke. Their son,

EDWARD BEARCROFT, Esq., of Meer Hall, High Sheriff of Worcestershire in the

year 1844 by his marriage with ~~the~~ ~~late~~ ~~Miss~~ ~~Elizabeth~~ ~~Colby~~, ~~Esq.~~,
of Fynone, in Pembrokeshire, ~~Wales~~, ~~now~~ ~~the~~ ~~late~~ ~~Miss~~ ~~John~~ ~~Colby~~, ~~Esq.~~,

EDWARD HUGH BRACKEN, ~~now~~ ~~the~~ ~~late~~ ~~Mr~~ ~~John~~ ~~Colby~~, ~~Esq.~~,
only daughter of ~~the~~ ~~late~~ ~~Colonel~~ ~~John~~ ~~Colby~~, ~~Esq.~~, of Cwmpwll, in the County of Carmarthen,
in South Wales.



EGGESFORD HOUSE,

NEAR WEMBWORTHY, DEVONSHIRE.—EARL OF PORTSMOUTH.

It might well have been in the "Happy Valley" above which this Country House stands, among surrounding hills covered with wood, that *Rasselas* may be supposed to have meditated, "the world forgetting." It gives the perfect idea of peaceful seclusion, and the little old church below adds its quaint and becoming feature to the lovely picture.

The name of this very ancient family is plainly derived from the words *Wall*, or *Well*, and *Hope*, a valley, (*vallis reductus*, long drawn out.)

PETER DE BARTON, Lord of West Barton, Hampshire, married Alice Wallop, daughter and heiress of Sir Richard Wallop, grandson of Matthew de Wallop, living in the reign of King John. Their grandson, who assumed the name of Wallop, inherited, as

RICHARD DE WALLOP, M.P. for Hampshire in the second year of Edward III. He married Alice, daughter of Sir John Husee, Knight, of Betchworth Castle, Surrey, and was succeeded by his eldest son,

JOHN WALLOP, who married Margaret Wellington, and was followed by his son,

JOHN WALLOP, M.P. for Salisbury, *tempore* Henry IV. He married Avico, daughter of John Bush. Their son,

THOMAS WALLOP, married Margaret, daughter and heiress of Nicholas Valoynes, Lord of Farley and Clydesden, and was succeeded, at his death, by his grandson,

JOHN WALLOP, Sheriff of Hampshire in the thirty-third of Henry VI. and the first of Edward IV., and M.P. for Hampshire in the twelfth of the latter monarch. His son,

RICHARD WALLOP, married Elizabeth, daughter and coheiress of — Hampton, of Old Stoke, Hampshire, but having no children, was followed by his brother,

SIR ROBERT WALLOP, Knight, who dying *sine prole*, his nephew succeeded,

SIR JOHN WALLOP, Knight, an eminent military and diplomatic personage in the reign of Henry VIII., installed a K.G. in 1544. He married twice, but had no children, and his estates therefore went, at his decease, to his brother,

SIR OLIVER WALLOP, Knight, so created for his gallant conduct at the battle of Musselburgh, in 1547. His first wife was Bridget, daughter of — Pigot, of Beechampton, Buckinghamshire, their eldest son being

SIR HENRY WALLOP, Knight, Vice-Treasurer and Treasurer-of-War in the reign of

Queen Elizabeth, and one of the Lord Justices of Ireland in 1582. He married Catherine, daughter of Richard Gifford, Esq., their eldest son,

SIR HENRY WALLOP, Knight, who married Elizabeth, only daughter and coheiress of Robert Corbet, Esq., of Moreton Corbet, Bed-Castle, and divers other lordships and manors in Shropshire, and at his death, November 5th, 1624, his only son succeeded,

ROBERT WALLOP, Esq., M.P. for Hampshire, and afterwards for Andover. He took the side of the Parliament in the Civil War, and at the Restoration, was impeached, January 30th, 1662, for his share in the Tower of London, where he died, November 16th, 1667. He had married Anne, daughter of Henry Wriothesley, Esq., of Southampton, and was followed by his son,

HENRY WALLOP, Esq., M.P. for Southampton, in the first Parliament of Charles II. He married Dorothy, youngest daughter and coheiress of John Bluet, Esq., and dying, January 25th, 1672-3, was succeeded by his eldest surviving son,

HENRY WALLOP, Esq., whose brother followed,

JOHN WALLOP, Esq. This gentleman married Alicia, daughter and coheiress of William Borlase, Esq., of Great Marlow, in the county of Buckingham, and at his death, in 1694, was followed by his son,

BLUET WALLOP, Esq., who dying, unmarried, in 1707, the estates went to his brother, JOHN WALLOP, Esq., born April 16th, 1690, created BARON WALLOP, of Farley Wallop, in the county of Southampton, and VISCOUNT LYMINGHAM, June 11th, 1720, and further advanced to the dignity of EARL OF PORTSMOUTH, April 11th, 1748. His Lordship married, first, in 1716, Bridget, eldest daughter of Charles, Earl of Tankeverie, and had six sons and three daughters. The eldest son,

JOHN WALLOP, Lord Lympstone, born August 8th, 1718, married, in 1740, to Catherine, daughter and coheiress of John Conduit, Esq., (whose wife was a niece and one of the coheiresses of Sir Isaac Newton.) He died in his father's lifetime, November 23rd, 1762, and his son accordingly came to the title,

JOHN WALLOP, second Earl of PORTSMOUTH, born in 1742. He married, in 1763, Urania, daughter of Coulson Fellowes, Esq., of Hampstead, Middlesex, and was succeeded, at his death, May 10th, 1797, by their eldest son,

JOHN CHARLES WALLOP, third Earl of PORTSMOUTH, born December 18th, 1767, married, first, November 19th, 1799, Grace, daughter of Fletcher Norton, first Lord Grantley, but by that lady had no children. His brother,

ISAAC NEWTON WALLOP, fourth Earl of PORTSMOUTH, born June 26th, 1772, on succeeding to the estates of his maternal uncle, Henry Arthur Fellowes, Esq., of Eggesford House, took, by Royal License, August 7th, 1794, the surname and arms of Fellowes only. His Lordship married, first, January 30th, 1795, Frances, daughter of the Rev. Castel Sherard, and, secondly, the Honourable Catherine Fortescue, second daughter of Hugh Fortescue, 10th Lord Fortescue, and left a son,

ISAAC NEWTON WALLOP, born January 11th, 1825. This nobleman resumed his paternal surname of Wallop. He married, February 15th, 1855, Lady Caroline Herbert, daughter of Lord Herbert, and had twelve children, the eldest being Newton Wallop, who died unmarried, January 1st, 1881.



LILBURN TOWER,

NEAR ALNWICK, NORTHUMBERLAND.—COLLINGWOOD.

THE old house of this name was built in or about the year 1200, but by whom there is now no record to show, it being beyond the time to which any such runneth.

It was, however, pulled down, being no doubt more or less dilapidated after such an age, in the year 1828, by the then proprietor, and rebuilt in its present Elizabethan style.

The ruins of the ancient tower and chapel still remain.

The name of the place is derived from the *Lil*, a burn, or stream, near which it stands.

HENRY COLLINGWOOD, Esq., of Westerhaugh, was father of SIR CUTHBERT COLLINGWOOD, of Esslington, in Northumberland, married to Dorothy, daughter of Sir George Bowes, of Streatlam Castle. Their third son was

CUTHBERT COLLINGWOOD, Esq., of Chirton. Fifth in descent from him was JOHN COLLINGWOOD, Esq., of Chirton, (whose brother was Admiral Cuthbert Collingwood, second in command at TRAFALGAR, created LORD COLLINGWOOD, November 20th., 1805,) married Sarah, daughter of Thomas Fenwick, Esq., of Earsdon, and left, with two daughters, a son and successor,

EDWARD JOHN COLLINGWOOD, Esq., of Chirton House and Lilburn Tower, which latter he purchased, in 1842, of the trustees of John Collingwood of that place and Cornhill House, born February 4th., 1815, who married, August 23rd., 1842, Anna, second daughter of Arthur Burdett, Esq., of King's County and Tipperary, and had, with other children,

EDWARD JOHN COLLINGWOOD, Esq., born December 20th., 1843.

Of the brave Admiral Collingwood the following account is given in Sir Bernard Burke's "Extinct Peerage":—

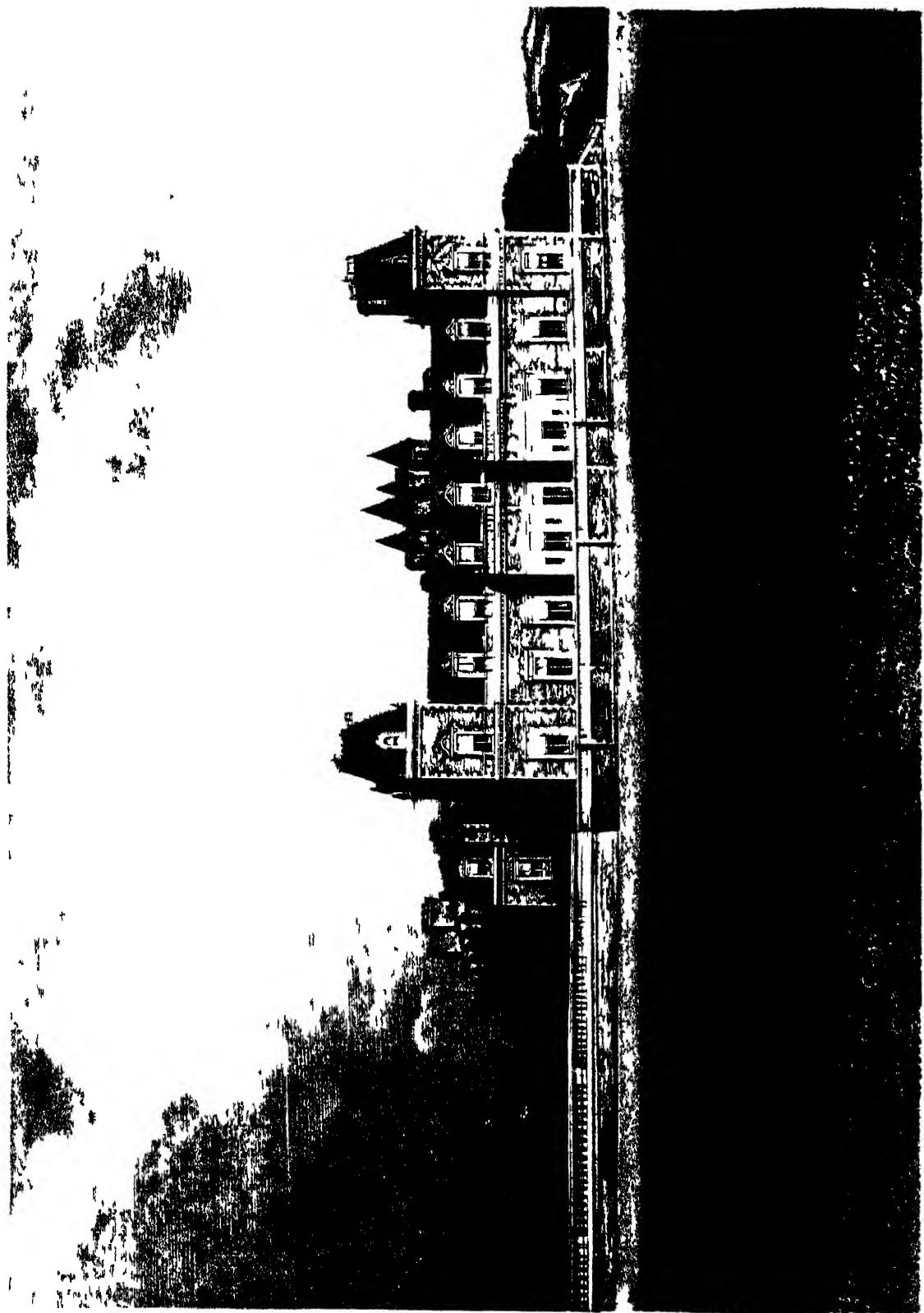
"Cuthbert Collingwood, born 1750, son of Cuthbert Collingwood, Esq., of Ditchburne, in the county of Northumberland, having adopted the naval profession, obtained the rank of Lieutenant in 1775, was made Post Captain in 1780, advanced

to the rank of Rear Admiral of the White in 1793, Vice Admiral of the Red in 1801, Vice Admiral of the Blue in 1804, in which command he had the glory of being second in command at the memorable battle off Cape Trafalgar October 21st., 1805, under the command of Nelson: and for the services rendered upon that triumphant occasion, the Vice Admiral of the Blue (as above stated) was advanced to the Peerage, November 20th., 1805, as Baron Collingwood, of Collingham and Hethpool, in the county of Northumberland. His Lordship married Patience, daughter and coheiress of Erasmus Blackett, Esq., Alderman of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, by whom he had issue

SARAH COLLINGWOOD, married May 30th., 1816, George Lewis Newnham Collingwood, Esq., F.R.S., and died November 25th., 1851, leaving issue,

MARY PATIENCE COLLINGWOOD, married Anthony Denny, Esq., and died September 18th., 1828, leaving issue.

The Admiral died in 1810, when, leaving no male issue, the Barony of COLLINGWOOD became extinct."



STEVENSTONE PARK,

NEAR TORRINGTON, DEVONSHIRE.—ROLLE.

FRANCIS TREFUSIS, of Trefusis, married Bridget Rolle, and was father of SAMUEL TREFUSIS, Esq., whose wife was Elizabeth, daughter of — Affleck, and their son,

ROBERT COTTON TREFUSIS, by the Honourable Anne St. John, youngest daughter of John, tenth Lord St. John, was father of

ROBERT GEORGE WILLIAM TREFUSIS, Esq., who succeeded his cousin, the Earl of Orford, (third Earl, and sixteenth Baron Clinton,) as seventeenth BARON CLINTON. His Lordship, who was born October 5th., 1764, married, August 28th., 1786, Albertina Mary Anne, daughter of John Abraham Rodolph Gaulis, a native of Switzerland, and had several children. He died August 28th., 1797, and was succeeded by his eldest son,

ROBERT COTTON ST. JOHN TREFUSIS, born April 28th., 1787, eighteenth BARON CLINTON, a Colonel in the army, a Lord of the Bedchamber, and Aide-de-camp to the King. He married, August 4th., 1814, Frances Selina, eldest daughter of William Stephen Poyntz, Esq., of Cowdray Park, Sussex, but having no children, was succeeded at his death, in October, 1832, by his brother,

CHARLES RODOLPH TREFUSIS, nineteenth BARON CLINTON, who was born November 9th., 1791, and married, October 25th., 1831, Lady Elizabeth Georgiana Kerr, daughter of William, sixth Marquis of Lothian, and by her, who died March 19th., 1871, had issue, besides other children,

CHARLES HENRY ROLLE HEPBURN STUART FORBES TREFUSIS, twentieth BARON CLINTON, (who took the three penultimate surnames by Royal License, dated September 4th., 1867,) and—the second son—

THE HONOURABLE MARK GEORGE KERR-ROLLE, born November 13th., 1835, High Steward of Barnstaple, High Sheriff of Devonshire in 1864, assumed by Royal License, January 30th., 1852, the surname and arms of ROLLE. He married, October 6th., 1860, Lady Gertrude Jane Douglas, fifth daughter of Sholto Douglas, eighteenth Earl of Morton, and had issue two daughters,

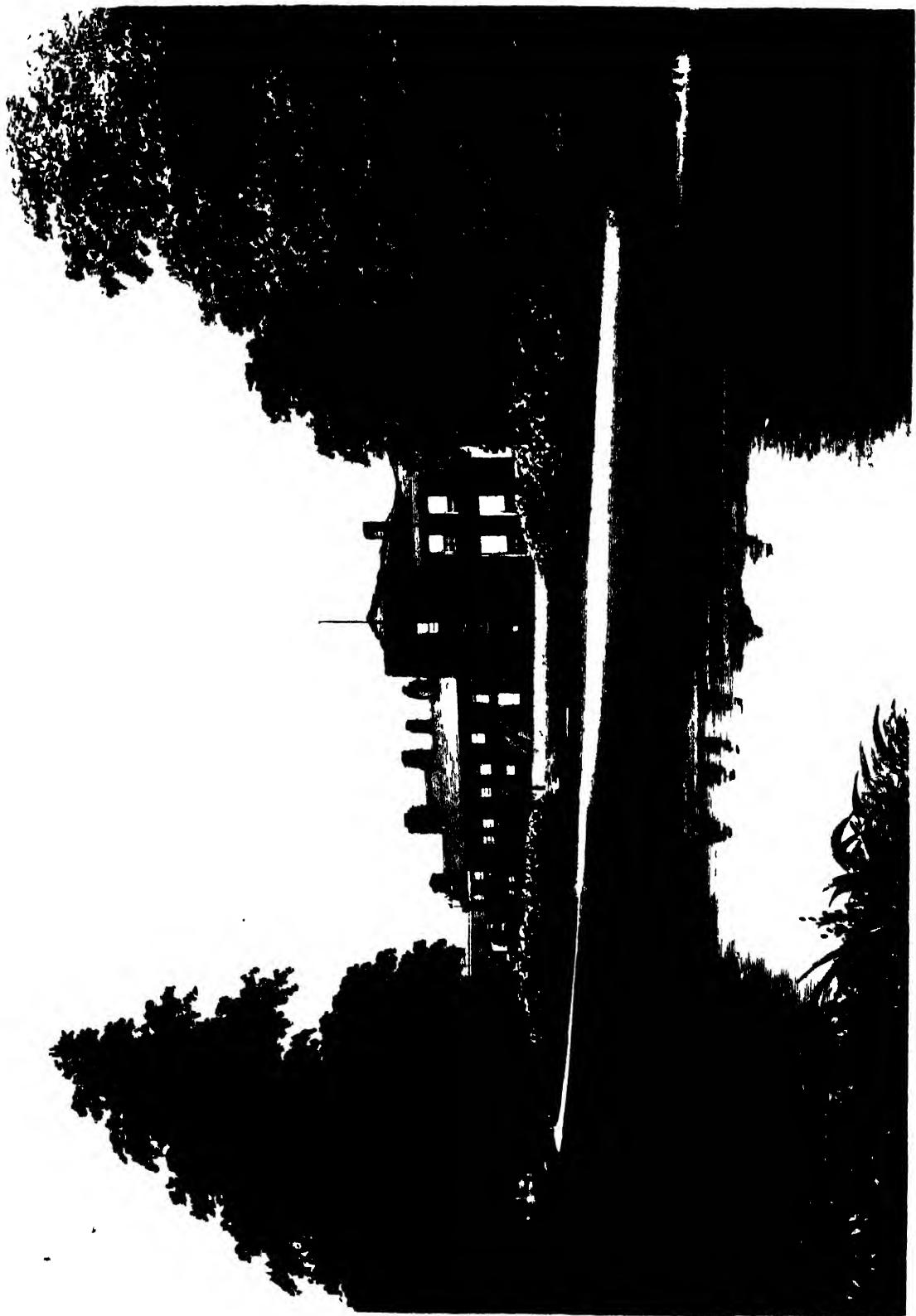
1. GERTRUDE EMILY ROLLE.

2. MARY FRANCES ROLLE.

The family of Rolle, from which the proprietor of Stevenstone maternally descends, was originally of the county of Dorset, and derived immediately from

John Rolle, a merchant of great emolument and high reputation in the city of London, who became an extensive landed proprietor. Ninth in descent from him were

JOHN ROLLE, Esq., of Stevenstone and Bicton, who was born October 1st., 1756, and was elevated to the Peerage, June 20th., 1796, as Baron Rolle, of Stevenstone, in the county of Devon. He married, first, February 22nd., 1778, Judith M^{rs}, only daughter and heiress of Henry Walrond, Esq., of Bovey Tracey, Devonshire, which lady died October 1st., 1820; and secondly, September 24th., 1822, the Honourable Louisa Trefusis, third daughter of Robert George William Trefusis, eleventh Lord Clinton. He died, without children, in 1842, when the Barony expired.



NETHERHALL,

NEAR MARYPORT, CUMBERLAND.—POCKLINGTON-SENHOUSE.

NETHERHALL, formerly Alneburgh Hall, is pleasantly situated on the banks of the river Ellen (anciently Alue), which falls into the Solway about a mile below the house. At its mouth are the harbour and town of Maryport, and on the high ground near the town is a Roman Station, in and near which many altars and other Roman remains have been dug up at different times, and are now preserved in the portico at Netherhall.

The house originally consisted of a tower only, with walls nine feet thick, and of unknown but very ancient date. This tower has been added to by its various possessors from time to time, and it is now a comfortable family residence, and contains some spacious rooms and an excellent library.

The manor and estate formerly belonged to the Eglesfields, but passed in 1528, by the marriage of the heiress of that ancient family to the Senhouses, in whose possession it has since remained.

WILLIAM POCKLINGTON, Esq.,—the name derived no doubt from the town of Pocklington, in Yorkshire,—living in the reign of Henry VIII., was father of

THOMAS POCKLINGTON, Esq., whose son,

JOHN POCKLINGTON, Esq., of Collingham, Nottinghamshire, married Letitia, daughter of William Pocklington, of Collingham, and had

WILLIAM POCKLINGTON, Esq., of Collingham, who by his wife, Mildred, left, with other children,

ROBERT POCKLINGTON, Esq., of Newark, father of

ROBERT POCKLINGTON, Esq., of Kelham, Nottinghamshire, and died, October 31st., 1720, leaving a son, Robert, his wife, daughter of Thomas Saxton, Esq., several children, of whom

ROBERT POCKLINGTON, Esq., of Bassingham, Lincolnshire, born in 1669, who married Anne, daughter of Thomas Haslam, Esq., of Newark, and dying in 1751, left a son,

WILLIAM POCKLINGTON, Esq., of Newark, born in 1694, married, in 1734, to Elizabeth, daughter of John Hastall, Esq., of the Friary, Newark, and died in July, 1764, having had a son and a daughter. The elder son,

ROGER POCKLINGTON, Esq., of Wimbley Hall, Nottinghamshire, born October 25th., 1734, married, in 1774, Mary, eldest daughter and coheiress of William Roe,

Esq., of Sudbeck Hall, near Kendal, Westmoreland, in 1710, leaving, with a daughter, the inheritance to his son.

ROGER POCKLINGTON, Esq., of Netherhall, died October 10th., 1775, married, February 17th, 1745, Anne, daughter of Sir John Pilkington, Knight, of Invernell, in Ayrshire, and died April 17th., 1847, leaving three daughters, of whom the second son.

JOSEPH POCKLINGTON (SENHOUSE), Esq., of Barrow House, was High Sheriff of Cumberland in 1846, married, October 13th., 1845, Elizabeth, eldest daughter and heiress of Humphrey Senhouse, Esq., of Netherhall, whose surname he assumed, by Royal License, in addition to his own, September 27th., 1846, and died February 17th., 1874, having had, with other children,

His HEIR, HUMPHREY POCKLINGTON SENHOUSE, Esq., born August 13th., 1848.

The ancient family of Senhouse, otherwise spelled, in former times, De Sewynhouse, and De Sevenhouse, derives from (the first on record) Walter De Sewynhouse, from whom descended JOHN SENHOUSE, Esq., living in the beginning of the sixteenth century. It ended in an heiress, as above mentioned.



BRECHIN CASTLE,

NEAR BRECHIN, FORFARSHIRE.—EARL OF DALHOUSIE.

THIS ancient Castle, built at different times, is very finely situated on the north bank of the river Esk, on the brink of a high precipitous rock, the views from it being exceedingly fine, as may well be supposed. It withstood a long siege in the year 1303 against the English army under Edward the First, and held out for twenty days, till the brave and doughty Governor, Sir Thomas Maule, was killed by a stone flung from a catapult, when his garrison felt themselves obliged to surrender the place. The trees, too, are of great growth, and have stood for centuries.

This family is stated to have been originally of German origin. The first of the name on record appears to have been

SIMON DE RAMSAY, of Dalhousie, in Lothian, who signed as a witness to a grant of the Church of Livingston, in West-Lothian, in the year 1140. From him descended

SIR ALEXANDER RAMSAY, Knight, of Dalhousie, Constable, in 1332, of the Castle of Roxburgh, which he had taken by escalade. In descent after him came

JAMES RAMSAY, of Dalhousie, who died about the year 1580.

SIR GEORGE RAMSAY, Knight, of Dalhousie, made BARON OF MELROSE, under the title of LORD RAMSAY OF MELROSE, by charter, August 25th., 1618, which designation he obtained permission afterwards by letter from James VI. to alter to LORD RAMSAY OF DALHOUSIE.

WILLIAM RAMSAY, second LORD RAMSAY OF DALHOUSIE, created, January 29th., 1638, BARON RAMSAY OF KEERRINGTON, and EARL OF THE CASTLE OF DALHOUSIE, in Mid-Lothian.

GEORGE RAMSAY, second EARL OF DALHOUSIE.

WILLIAM RAMSAY, third EARL OF DALHOUSIE.

GEORGE RAMSAY, fourth EARL OF DALHOUSIE.

WILLIAM RAMSAY, fifth EARL OF DALHOUSIE.

WILLIAM RAMSAY, (his kinsman, grandson of the first Earl,) sixth EARL OF DALHOUSIE, followed by his grandson,

WILLIAM RAMSAY, seventh EARL OF DALHOUSIE, who died unmarried in 1764, and was succeeded by his brother,

GEORGE RAMSAY, eighth EARL OF DALHOUSIE.

GEORGE RAMSAY, ninth EARL OF DALHOUSIE, born October 22nd., 1770, G.C.B., Colonel of the 26th. Regiment of Foot, and distinguished at Waterloo. He was

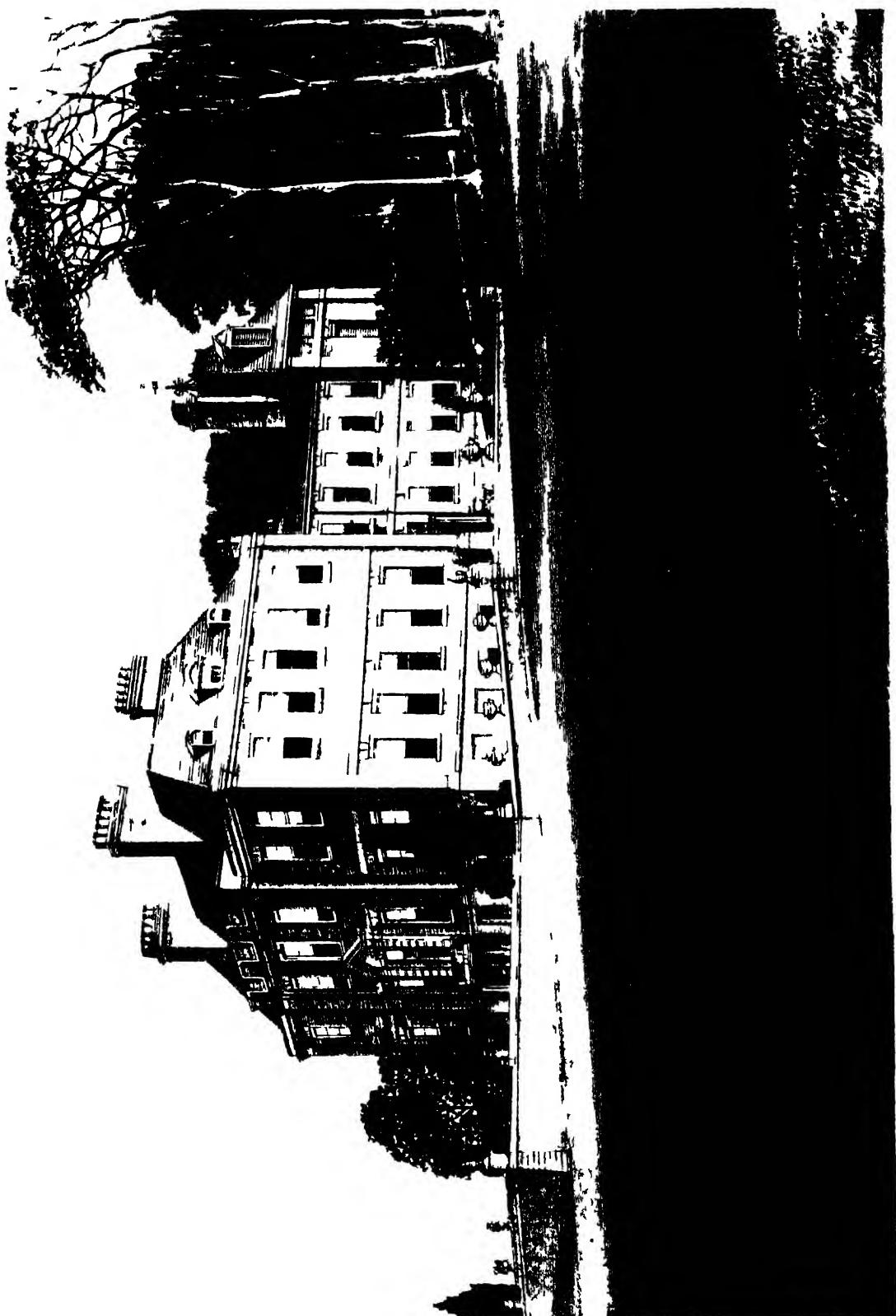
a Peer of the United Kingdom, as BARON DALHOUSIE, of DALHOUSIE CASTLE, August 11th., 1815.

JAMES ANDREW RAMSAY, ~~first~~ ^{second} EARL OF DALHOUSIE, C.B., born August 25th., 1812, who was further raised in the Peerage, August 25th., 1851, as EARL OF DALHOUSIE, of DALHOUSIE CASTLE. He was Captain of Dover Castle, a Member of the Cinque Ports, Lord Registrar of Scotland, Major-General of the Royal Dragoon Guards, and a Gentleman of the Queen's Body Guard of Scotland. He was Governor of Jersey in 1850 and 1856. At his death, December 19th., 1860, the honours of the United Kingdom expired, while the Scottish ones devolved on his cousin.

SIR FERD RAMSAY, eleventh EARL OF DALHOUSIE, (second BARON OF PANMURE), son of WILLIAM RAMSAY, first EARL OF PANMURE, who was second son of George Ramsay, eighth Earl of Dalhousie, K.T., G.C.B., P.C., Keeper of the Privy Seal of Scotland, Lord Lieutenant of Forfarshire, a Commissioner of the Royal Military Asylum, and a Governor of the Charterhouse, Under Secretary of State from 1835 to 1841, Vice President of the Board of Trade in 1848, Secretary of War from 1850 to 1852, and again from 1855 to 1858, resumed his family name of Ramsay ~~and~~ that of the acquired one of Maule. He was born April 22nd., 1801, and married April 4th., 1831, Montagu, eldest daughter of George, second Lord Abercromby, but having died, *sine prole*, July 6th., 1874, was succeeded by his cousin,

GEORGE RAMSAY, twelfth EARL OF DALHOUSIE, C.B., a Rear-Admiral on the Retired List, born April 26th., 1806, who was created a Peer of the United Kingdom, June 12th., 1875. He married, August 12th., 1845, Sarah Frances, only daughter of William Robertson, Esq., of Logan House, N.B., and had, with other children,

JOHN WILLIAM RAMSAY, LORD RAMSAY, Commander R.N., ~~Member of His~~ Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh, born January 29th., 1847, married December 6th., 1877, Lady Ida Louise Bennet, younger daughter of the Earl of Tankerville, and had issue a son, born September 4th., 1878.



PYNES,

NEAR EXETER, DEVONSHIRE.—NORTHCOTE, BARONET.

THE name of this ancient seat is derived from a family called Pyne, one of whom, a Crusader, settled here in the time of King John.

It passed, as in so many similar cases, from one owner to another, through heiresses, namely, first, to a proprietor called Lorden, next to a branch of the family of Coplestone, and from them was purchased, in the reign of Charles the Second, by Hugh Stafford, Esq., a maternal ancestor of the present family.

It is almost enough to state that it is in Devonshire, to show that it must be in a lovely country, which I can say that it is, having seen it myself more than once.

The house stands on a rising ground overlooking the valley of the Exe, a little way above where that river joins the Creedy, a stream which has given its name to the town of Crediton.

The grounds and estate are well wooded, a feature which, though common to the county, contributes none the less to its ornament.

This is one of those families of high antiquity to which the worthy name of "gentle" of right belongs. It is also one of those, of which instances have been given in previous volumes of this work, which has either received its designation from or given it to a hamlet of the same name.

GALFRIDUS MILES, resident at Northcote, is recorded as living in the year 1103. He was succeeded by his son,

JOHN, written of as "*habitantis in Northcote.*" He was followed by

GALFRIDUS DE NOETHCOTE, living in 1118. The elder of his two sons,

WILLIAM DE NORTHCOTE, married Margaret, daughter of Robert de Afeton, of whom were three sons, the second being

ANDREW DE NORTHCOTE, who married Matilda, daughter of Peter Faber, of Bovey Tracey, Devonshire. Their eldest son,

WILLIAM DE NORTHCOTE, married, in 1325, Matilda, daughter of Robert Hillion, the elder of whose two sons,

JOHN DE NORTHCOTE, married, in 1343, Johanna, second daughter and coheiress of Roger Meoles, with whom the family acquired great wealth. The issue of this marriage were two sons, from the elder of whom,

JOHN NORTHCOTE, descended.

JOHN NORTHCOTE, of Upton, Devonshire, married to Anna, daughter of Sir Hugh Pollard. Their son and heir,

JOHN NORTHCOTE, Esq., of Hayne, also in Devonshire, was created a Baronet, July 16th., 1641. He served the office of Sheriff of the county in the second year of the reign of Charles I., and was M.P. for the same in the twelfth of that of Charles II. He married Grace, daughter and heiress of Hugh Halswell, Esq., of Wells, in Somersetshire, and at his death, in 1676, was succeeded by his eldest son,

SIR JOHN NORTHCOTE, second Baronet. He married, first, Elizabeth, daughter and heiress of James Walsh, Esq., of Alverdiscott, and their two sons predeceased him. He married, secondly, Elizabeth, eldest daughter of the Honourable Sir Francis Gedolphin. He died in 1688, when he was succeeded by the eldest surviving son of the second marriage, namely,

SIR FRANCIS NORTHCOTE, third Baronet. He married Anne, daughter of Sir Chichester Wray, Baronet, but dying, in 1709, without issue, the title devolved on his brother,

SIR HENRY NORTHCOTE, fourth Baronet, M.D., born in 1655, who married Penelope, daughter and coheiress of Robert Lovett, Esq., of Liscombe, in Buckinghamshire, and of Corfe, Devonshire. He died in February, 1729-30, and their eldest son followed,

SIR HENRY NORTHCOTE, fifth Baronet, M.P. for Exeter. His wife was Bridget Maria, only daughter and heiress of Hugh Stafford, Esq., of Pynes, in Devon, and they had with other children—he died in 1743—

SIR STAFFORD NORTHCOTE, sixth Baronet, born in May, 1736, and married, in 1760, to Catherine, daughter of the Rev. George Bradford, Rector of Talaton. He died March 11th., 1771, and was succeeded by his only son,

SIR STAFFORD HENRY NORTHCOTE, seventh Baronet, born October 6th., 1762, who married, May 6th., 1791, Jaquette, daughter of Charles Baring, Esq., of Larkbeer, Devonshire, and had three sons, the eldest of whom,

HENRY STAFFORD NORTHCOTE, Esq., born March 18th., 1792, married, first, November 13th., 1815, to Agnes Mary, only daughter of Thomas Cockburn, Esq., of the East India Company's Service, and was father of, with other children—he died February 2nd. 1850—

SIR STAFFORD HENRY NORTHCOTE, eighth Baronet, successor to his grandfather, BART. C.B., M.A., D.C.L., M.P. for North Devon, President of the Board of Trade, Secretary of State for India, 1867-8, Lord Commissioner of the Treasury, and afterwards CHANCELLOR OF THE EXCHEQUER, born October 27th., 1818, and married, January 1st., 1843, to Cecilia Frances, eldest daughter of Thomas Farrer, Esq., of Ingleborough, third son of James Farrer, Esq., of Ingleborough, Yorkshire, and had with other children, an eldest son,

WILLIAM STAFFORD NORTHCOTE, Esq., a Commissioner of Inland Revenue, born August 8th., 1845, married, September 23rd., 1868, Elizabeth, eldest daughter of Sir Harry Stephen Meysey-Thompson, Baronet, of Hethel Hall, Norfolk, and had, with other issue, a son,

SIR HENRY NORTHCOTE, born August 29th., 1875.



BEARWOOD,

NEAR WOKINGHAM, BERKSHIRE.—WALTER.

THE estate of Bearwood was formerly an outlying part of the Royal Forest of Windsor.

It was purchased of the Crown in the year 1816, by the then Mr. Walter, as mentioned below.

In some of the old county histories it was written Berewood, but I think there need be no doubt but that the former spelling of the name correctly expressed its origin, as a haunt and home of the bear, in the same way that Beverley was of the beaver.

The original purchase consisted of not quite four hundred acres, and shortly afterwards Mr. Walter built a house on the estate, and formed a lake of about twenty-seven acres, and laid out very beautiful and extensive gardens, under the superintendence of Mr. David Stewart.

In or about the year 1844 much more land was added to the property, and the lake was enlarged to forty-four acres, other improvements being at the same time made in the grounds.

In the year 1865 Mr. John Walter took the old house down, and had it entirely rebuilt on the same site on a much larger scale, in the Elizabethan style.

The entrance hall is thirty-two feet by twenty-six, opening into a staircase tower eighty feet high, a picture gallery seventy feet by twenty-four, two drawing-rooms divided by sliding doors, the two together measuring ninety-six feet by twenty-six, a dining-room forty feet by twenty-four, and other apartments.

The picture gallery contains a very choice and valuable collection of paintings by the old Dutch and Flemish masters, among them being *chef-d'œuvre* by Paul Potter, Hobbema, Both, Ruysdael, Berghom, De Hooghe, Karle du Jardin, Adrian Ostade, Isaac Ostade, Van der Neer, and other great painters.

JOHN WALTER, Esq., of Warwickshire, was father of

ROBERT WALTER, Captain in the Royal Navy, and

JOHN WALTER.

The younger son,

JOHN WALTER, Esq., of London and Teddington Grove, was founder of the *Times*

JOHN WALTER, Esq., of Bearwood, M.P. for Nottingham from 1847 to 1859, and afterwards for the county, and later for Derbyshire, son of the Rev. Dr. Walter, father of the Twines, and a man of great success in the estate of Bearwood, and spent large sums on its improvement. His first wife being a daughter of the Rev. Dr. Gregory, Vicar of children. He married, secondly, Mary, daughter of Henry Smith, Kent, and had five children, of whom the eldest son,

JOHN WALTER, Esq., of Bearwood, J.P. and D.L., Barrister at Law, of Christ College, Oxford, M.P. for Nottingham from 1847 to 1859, and afterwards for Berkshire, born October 8th., 1818, married, first, September 27th., 1844, Anna Frances, eldest daughter of Major Henry Court, Esq., of Castlemans, Bedfordshire, and had issue, April 28th., 1858,—with other children, an eldest surviving

ARTHUR FRASER WALTER.

He married secondly, January 1st., 1861, Flora, third daughter of John Webb, Esq., of Highfield Park, Hampshire, and had further issue.

The above named

ARTHUR FRASER WALTER, Esq., B.A. of Christ Church, Oxford, J.P. for Nottingham, married, in 1872, Henrietta Maria, eldest daughter of the Rev. Thomas Anson, nephew of Thomas Anson, first Viscount Anson.



NUNEHAM PARK,

OXFORDSHIRE, NEAR ABINGDON, BERKSHIRE.—HARCOURT.

NUNEHAM PARK is well known to every Oxonian, beautifully situated as it is on the bank of the classic Isis, some three or four miles from the ever famous University of Oxford, my own *Alma Mater*.

The adjoining parish of Stanton Harcourt was in the ownership of the noble family of Harcourt,—now represented by a branch of the equally noble one of Vernon,—for more than six hundred years. It was afterwards left by them for the more attractive situation of Nuneham Courtenay.

The accounts of the descent of each of the two great houses, now represented by that of Vernon-Harcourt, furnish such an *embarras de richesse* that a mere outline is all that can here be given of the successive representatives of the family, as follows:—

WILLIAM DE VERNON, proprietor of Vernon, in Normandy, in 1052.

RICHARD DE VERNON, came into England with the Conqueror. Ninth in descent from him was

SIR RICHARD DE VERNON, Knight, who married Matilda, daughter and coheiress of Sir William Camville, Lord of Clifton Camville and Aston.

SIR WILLIAM DE VERNON, Knight, born 1312, married Margaret, daughter of Robert, Baron de Stafford.

SIR RICHARD DE VERNON, Knight, of Haddon and Harleston, married to Juliana, daughter of Robert, or Roger, de Pembrugge.

SIR RICHARD DE VERNON, Knight, of Haddon and Harleston, born 1370, married Johanna, second daughter and heiress of Richard Stackpole.

SIR RICHARD VERNON, Knight, born 1394, married Benedicta, daughter of Sir John Ludlowe. He was Speaker of the Parliament held at Leicester in 1425, and Treasurer of Calais. He died 1451.

SIR WILLIAM DE VERNON, Knight, Knight-Constable of England, born 1416, married Margaret, daughter and heiress of Sir William Swynfen, Knight. She was also heiress of Robert Pype.

SIR HENRY VERNON, Knight, Lord of Haddon, etc., etc., Governor and Treasurer to Prince Arthur, eldest son of King Henry VII. He married Anne, daughter of John, second Earl of Shrewsbury.

HUMPHREY VERNON, Esq., married Alice, daughter and coheiress of Sir John Ludlowe, of Hodnet, Shropshire.

WILLIAM VERNON, Esq., the second son, married, first, Anne, daughter of Sir Walter Shirley, and secondly, Mary, daughter of Edward Littleton, Esq., of Pill, in Staffordshire.

SIR EDWARD VERNON, Knight, born in 1584, married, first, Anne, daughter and sole heiress of Henry Vernon, Esq., of Hulston, and

SIR HENRY VERNON, married Mary, daughter and heiress of Sir John Vernon, of Heslington, Judge of the Common Pleas.

GEORGE VERNON, Esq., of Sudbury, born in 1635, married, first, Dorothy, daughter of Edwin Onely, Esq., of Catesby, Northamptonshire; secondly, Dorothy Shirley, sister of Robert, Earl Ferrers; and thirdly, Catherine, daughter of Sir Thomas Vernon, Merchant, of London.

HENRY VERNON, Esq., of Sudbury, M.P. for Staffordshire, married, first, Anne, only daughter and heiress of Thomas Pigott, Esq., of Chetwynd, Staffordshire, and secondly, Matilda, daughter of Thomas Wright, Esq., of Longstone, Derbyshire.

GEORGE VERNON, Esq., of Sudbury, who assumed the additional surname and arms of VENABLES, in 1728, on inheriting the estates of his maternal ancestors, was raised to the Peerage as LORD VERNON, Baron of Kinderton, in the county of Cheshire. His Lordship married, first, in 1733, Mary, daughter and coheiress of Thomas, 1st Lord Howard of Effingham, and had a son, the Hon. GEORGE VERNON, successor to the title. He married, secondly, in 1741, Anne, daughter of Sir Thomas Lee, Bart., of Hartwell, in Buckinghamshire, but had no issue. He married, thirdly, in 1747, Martha, daughter of the Hon. Simon Harcourt, grand-daughter of Viscount Harcourt, Lord Chancellor, and had, with a son, the Hon. HENRY VERNON, successor to the barony, a second son,

THE HON. AND MOST REVEREND EDWARD VENABLES VERNON, D.D., LORD ABBOT OF YORK, born October 10th., 1757, who, on succeeding to the Harcourt estates, assumed the further surname of HAROURT, and became of Nuneham Courtenay. His Grace married, February 5th., 1784, the Hon. Anne Leveson Gower, daughter of Granville Leveson Gower, first Marquis of Stafford, (ancestor of the Dukes of Sutherland). He had a large family, and was succeeded in the estates by his eldest son,

GEORGE GRANVILLE HARCOURT, Esq., of Nuncham Courtenay, Oxfordshire, M.P. for that County, born in 1785, married, first, March 27th., 1815, the Hon. Elizabeth Bingham, eldest daughter of Richard, second Earl of Lucan, and secondly, December 30th., 1847, Frances Elizabeth, Countess Dowager of Waldegrave, and daughter of John Brahm, Esq. The third son, (the second having died without issue),

THE REV. WILLIAM VERNON-HARCOURT, Canon of York, born in 1789, married, July 11th., 1824, Matilda Mary, daughter of Colonel William Gooch, and died in April, 1871, his eldest son being

EDWARD WILLIAM HARCOURT, Esq., of Nuncham Courtenay and Spofforth, M.P. for the County, born June 26th., 1825, married, July 11th., 1849, Mary, daughter of George Augustus Holroyd, only daughter of George Augustus Holroyd, Esq., of Stamford, and had a son, CHARLES VERNON-HARCOURT, Esq., J.P. for Oxfordshire, of Nuncham Courtenay, born



CHILLINGHAM CASTLE,

NEAR WOOLER, NORTHUMBERLAND.—EARL OF TANKERVILLE.

CHILLINGHAM, originally called Chevelingham, was at one time held by ROBERT DE MUSCAMP. It afterwards came to the family of GREY, Barons of Werke, from whom it was inherited by the present family. The house, which is a large and massive structure, was rebuilt in the reign of Queen Elizabeth.

It contains several interesting portraits, as, among others, of Lord Chancellor Bacon, Lord Treasurer Burleigh, Buckingham, King Charles, and James the Second, etc.

The greatest object of interest about the place is the well-known herd of wild cattle, the Chillingham oxen, still preserved in the park of the estate. They are white, with the tip of the nose black, as are also the tips of the ears and a rim round the eyes.

In the neighbourhood are two circular entrenchments, and about a mile off a stone cross, twelve feet high, called the Hurle Stone.

THOMAS BENNET, Esq., of Clapcot, married Anne, daughter of Molines, of Mackney, Oxfordshire. The elder of his two sons,

RICHARD BENNET, Esq., of Clapcot, married Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas Tisdale, Esq., of Deanly, Berkshire, and their second son,

SIR JOHN BENNET, Knight, LL.D., of Dawley, Middlesex, M.P. in the reign of Elizabeth, was afterwards appointed Chancellor to Anne, Queen Consort of King James the First, Judge of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury, and Chancellor to the Archbishop of York, and was sent as Ambassador to Brussels in 1617. He married Anne, daughter of Christopher Weeks, Esq., of Salisbury, and had, with another, ~~young son~~—he died in 1627,—

SIR JOHN BENNET, Knight, of Dawley, who married Dorothy, daughter of Sir John Crofts, Knight, of Saxham, Suffolk, and had two sons, the elder of whom,

SIR JOHN BENNET, K.C.B., was created a Peer of the Realm, November 24th., 1682, by the title of BARON OSSULSTON, of Ossulston, in the county of Middlesex. He married, first, Elizabeth, widow of Edmund Sheffield, second Earl of Musgrave, and daughter of Lionel Cranfield, Earl of Middlesex, but had no children. He married,

secondly, Bridget, daughter of Sir John Grey, was

CHARLES BENNETT, fourth Earl of Tankerville, born in 1742. His first wife was **MARY GREY**, daughter of **SIR JOHN GREY OF GLENDALE**, and Countess Grey of Glendale, and the title of his deceased mother now, — October 10th., 1714. He died May 1st., 1722, and was succeeded by his only surviving son.

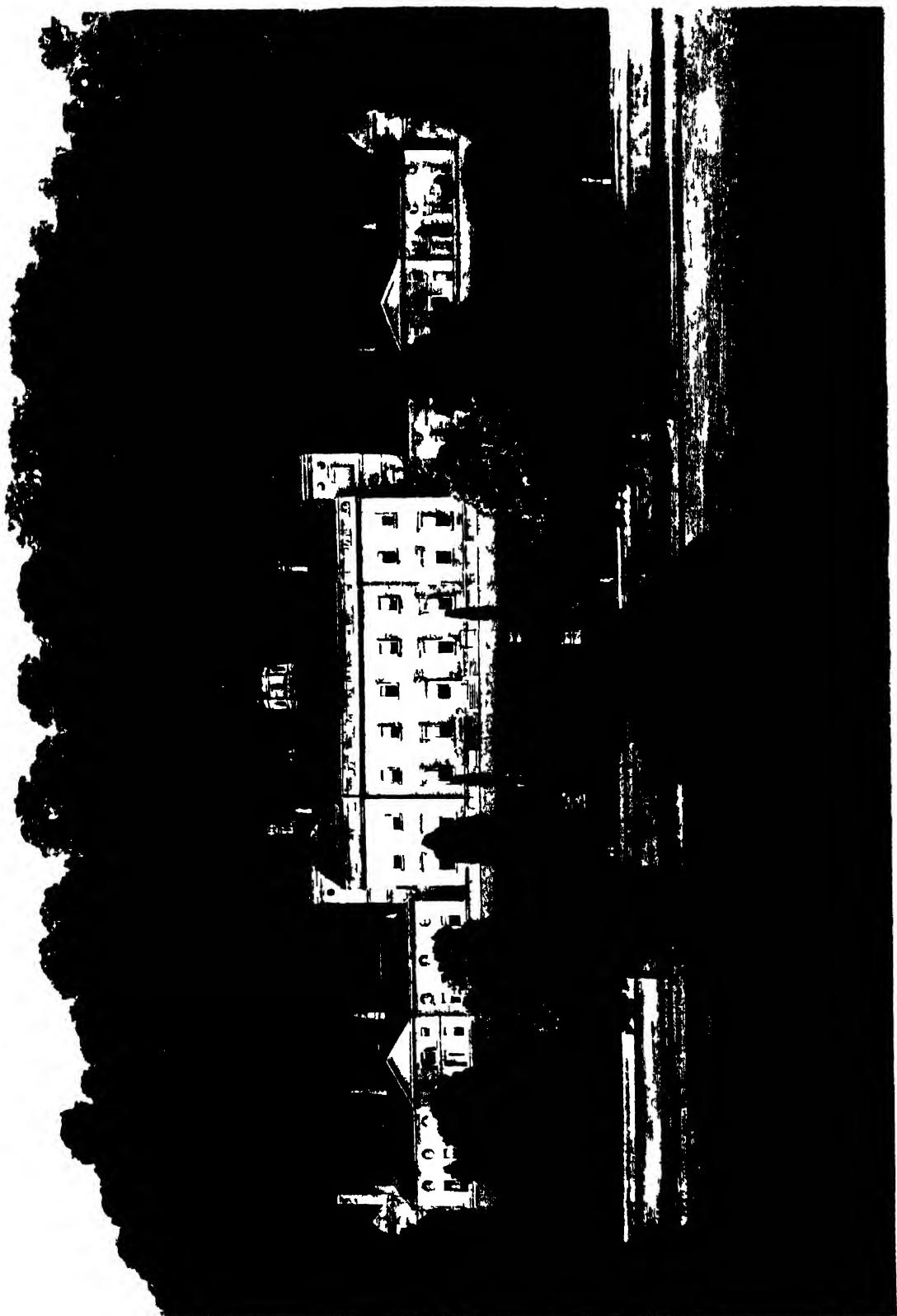
CHARLES BENNETT, FIFTH EARL OF TANKERVILLE, K.T. He married **CAMILLE**, daughter of **EDWARD COLVILE**, Esq., of **WHITEHOUSE**, in the county of **DURHAM**, and one of the **Ladies of the Bedchamber** to **QUEEN CAROLINE**. At his death, March 14th., 1758, his eldest son succeeded.

CHARLES BENNETT, sixth Earl of Tankerville, who married, in 1742, Anne, third daughter and coheiress of **SIR JOHN ASTLEY**, Bart., of **PATESHULL**, **STAFFORDSHIRE**, and left, at his death, October 10th., 1767, with other children, an eldest son,

CHARLES BENNETT, seventh EARL OF TANKERVILLE, born November 15th., 1743, married, October 7th., 1771, to **EMMA**, youngest daughter and coheiress of **SIR JAMES COLEBROOKE**, Bart. He died December 10th., 1822, and left several children, the eldest son being

CHARLES AUGUSTUS BENNETT, fifth EARL OF TANKERVILLE, born April 28th., 1776, and married, July 1st., 1806, to **MADAME ARMANDINE SOPHIE LEONIE CANDRA**, daughter of **ANTOINE DUC DE GRAMMONT**, and by her had,—he died June 25th., 1859,—with two daughters, a son,

CHARLES AUGUSTUS BENNETT, sixth EARL OF TANKERVILLE, P.C., Captain of the Honourable Corps of Gentlemen-at-Arms, and Lord Steward of Her Majesty's Household, born January 10th., 1810, married, January 29th., 1850, **LADY MELVIA MONTAGU**, only daughter of **GEORGE**, sixth Duke of **MANCHESTER**. His Lordship had been summoned to the House of Lords, in the Barony of **OSSULSTON**, in May, 1859, before his accession to the Earldom of his father.



CASTLE HILL,

NEAR SOUTH MOLTON, DEVONSHIRE.—EARL FORTESCUE.

I QUOTE the following from one of the printed accounts of the place:—"Castle Hill, about three miles from South Molton, but in the parish of Filleigh, is the splendid seat of Earl Fortescue, whose ancestor, Martin Fortescue, Esq., (son of the Chief Justice of that name), obtained the manor by his marriage with an heiress of the Deynells. The grounds were laid out in a somewhat formal style, about the year 1740, by the first Earl Fortescue, then Baron Clinton, but numerous improvements have since been made in accordance with the modern style of landscape gardening. The mansion is seated on the acclivity of a finely wooded eminence, commanding an extensive prospect; and several pleasing slopes descend from the terrace to a sheet of water, beyond which the ground again rises. Various ornamental buildings are raised in different parts of the park. The shrubbery includes some Portugal laurels of remarkable size, the trunk of the largest of which is between nine and ten feet in circumference; and in the kitchen garden is a peach tree of luxuriant growth, reaching to the top of a sixteen-feet wall, and extending its branches nearly fourteen yards."

"Venerable and almost uniform tradition" derives this house from RICHARD LE FORT, Cup-bearer to the Norman William, and who saved the life of the Duke, who had three horses killed under him, by protecting him with his shield, and so thenceforward became known as *Fort-escu*, or "the strong shield." His son was

SIR ADAM FORTESCUE, Knight. Descended from him is stated to have been WILLIAM FORTESCUE, of Winston, living in 1406, who married Elizabeth, sister and coheiress of Thomas Beauchamp, of Ryme, Dorsetshire, and widow of Richard Branscomb. The descents after him were as follows:—His second son,

SIR JOHN FORTESCUE, Governor of Meaux under Henry V., married to Eleanor, daughter and heiress of William Norreis.

SIR JOHN FORTESCUE, Lord Chief Justice of England. He married Isabella, daughter of John Jamys, Esq.

MARTIN FORTESCUE, Esq., who died in 1472. His wife was Elizabeth, daughter and heiress of Richard Deynell, of Filleigh and Wear Gifford.

~~ROBERT FORTESCUE, Esq.,~~ ~~of Filleigh, in~~ ~~1430, to Jacquet, daughter of John~~ ~~de~~ ~~Worle, of~~ ~~Worle, in~~ ~~Devon.~~

~~BAETHOLOMEW FORTESCUE,~~ ~~of Filleigh and Wear Gifford, who~~ ~~married~~ ~~Agnes~~ ~~Worle,~~ ~~daughter of Maurice~~ ~~Moreton, Esq., of~~ ~~Moore Hays.~~

~~RICHARD FORTESCUE,~~ ~~of Filleigh, married Joan Moreton, and died in~~ ~~1470.~~

~~HUGH FORTESCUE,~~ ~~of Filleigh, married to Elizabeth, sister of Sir Arthur Chichester, Lord~~ ~~Deputy of Ireland.~~

~~JOHN FORTESCUE, Esq.,~~ ~~married Mary, daughter of Humphrey Speccott, and died~~ ~~in 1605.~~

~~HUGH FORTESCUE, Esq.,~~ ~~married Mary, daughter of Robert Rolle, Esq., and died~~ ~~in 1661.~~

~~ARTHUR FORTESCUE, Esq.,~~ ~~married Barbara, daughter of John Elford, Esq.~~

~~HUGH FORTESCUE, Esq., of Filleigh and Wear Gifford, married to Bridget, only~~ ~~daughter and heiress of Hugh Boscowen, Esq., of Tregothnan, Cornwall.~~

~~SIR HUGH FORTESCUE, K.B., summoned to Parliament March 16th., 1721, as Lord~~ ~~Clinton, in right of his maternal grandfather, and created Baron Fortescue, of Castle~~ ~~Hill, Devonshire, July 5th., 1716, and EARL of CLINTON, the Barony to revert, in~~ ~~default of male issue, to his half brother, which it did; namely, to~~

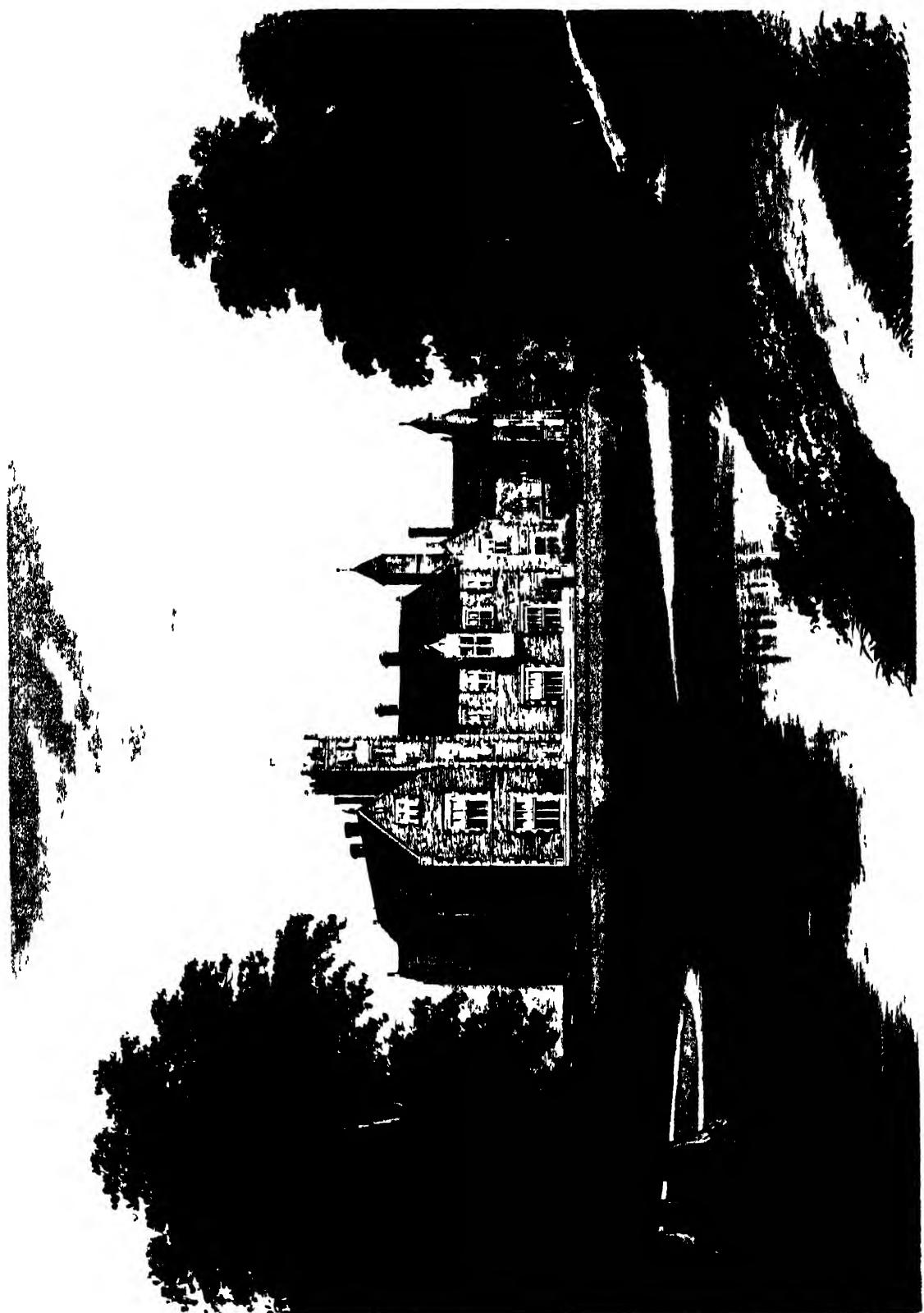
~~MATTHEW FORTESCUE, Esq.,~~ ~~who succeeded as second BARON FORTESCUE. He married,~~ ~~June 8th., 1752, Anne, second daughter of John Campbell, Esq., of Cawdor Castle,~~ ~~Nairnshire, and died in 1785.~~

~~HUGH FORTESCUE, third BARON FORTESCUE, F.S.A. and D.C.L., born March 12th.,~~ ~~1753, who was created, September 1st., 1789, VISCOUNT EBRINGTON and EARL FORTESCUE.~~ ~~He married, May 10th., 1782, Hester, daughter of the Right Honourable George~~ ~~Grenville, and died June 16th., 1841. His elder son,~~

~~HUGH FORTESCUE, second EARL FORTESCUE, K.G., LL.D., F.R.S., born February~~ ~~13th., 1783, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland from April, 1839, to September, 1841,~~ ~~summoned to the House of Peers in his father's Barony of Fortescue, February 28th.,~~ ~~1839, married, first, July 4th., 1817, Lady Susan Ryder, daughter of Dudley, first~~ ~~Earl of Harrowby, and had, with other children,—he died September 14th., 1861,—~~

~~HUGH FORTESCUE, third EARL FORTESCUE, Viscount Ebrington of Gloucestershire, and~~ ~~Baron Fortescue, of Castle Hill, Devonshire, born April 4th., 1818, who was summoned~~ ~~to the House of Peers in his father's Barony of Castle Hill, December 5th., 1859.~~ ~~He married, March 11th., 1847, Georgiana Augusta Charlotte Caroline, eldest~~ ~~daughter of the Right Honourable Lieutenant Colonel George Lionel Dawson-Damer,~~ ~~and had, with other children,~~

~~Hugh Fortescue, Viscount Ebrington, an officer in the Royal North Devon~~ ~~Militia, born April 16th., 1854.~~



THICKET PRIORY,

NEAR YORK, YORKSHIRE.—DUNNINGTON-JEFFERSON.

HERE was formerly—the place then called Thikehed, or Thikeved,—a Benedictine Nunnery, founded by Roger Fitz-Roger in the reign of King Richard the First.

In the year 1542, King Henry the Eighth granted the site of the Priory to John Iske, with whose descendants it remained until the reign of Queen Mary, when it passed into the hands of the family of Robinson, from whom it was purchased in the year 1804 by

JOSEPH DUNNINGTON, Esq., whose son,

THE REV. JOSEPH DUNNINGTON-JEFFERSON, took the latter additional surname.

The family of Jefferson owned property from the year 1680 in the parish of Hooke, near Goole, and that of Dunnington from the year 1696 in the adjoining township of West Cotttingwith.

The mansion was built in the years 1846 and 1847, by Mr. Edward Blore, the well-known architect, of London.

The above-named

REV. JOSEPH DUNNINGTON-JEFFERSON, Prebendary of York, and Incumbent of Thorgonby, Yorkshire, married, May 28th., 1839, Anna Mervinia, eldest daughter of Sir Henry Maghull Mervin Vavasour, Bart., and had with other children, an eldest son,

JOSEPH JOHN DUNNINGTON-JEFFERSON, Esq., J.P. for the East Riding of Yorkshire.

The ancient family of Vavasour, of Spaldington, Yorkshire, now extinct in the male line, derived from

SIR HENRY VAVASOUR, Knight, *tempore* Edward III., a scion of the family of Vavasour of Hazlewood, Yorkshire,—also now extinct in the male line. His descent ended in the ninth generation with

THOMAS VAVASOUR, Esq., of Spaldington, whose only daughter and heiress,

MARY VAVASOUR, of Spaldington, inherited the property at his decease in 1679. She married Sir Ralph Assheton, Bart., of Middleton, in Lancashire, and dying in 1694, the eldest of their three daughters, coheiresses,

ANNE VAVASOUR, of Spaldington, married Humphrey Trafford, Esq., of Trafford, and had, with other children who died without issue, a daughter,

ANN ASHTON, widow of the late Sir John Ashton, Bart., of the Fodeth Dragoons, by sign manual, 1811, and now resident in the United Kingdom, March 20, 1815, and died March 5th, 1815, his only surviving child being the above-named son, H. M. M. Vavasour, Bart.



SUNDORNE CASTLE,

NEAR SHREWSBURY, SHROPSHIRE.—CORBET-PIGOTT.

One of a long shelf-full of presentation copies of the voluminous works of Sir Bernard Burke, the first and best of their kind, sent to me from time to time by him, is a small one, written for his children, entitled "The Sovereigns of England, from the Norman Conquest, in Rhyme." The short preface, addressed to them, begins with these words, "Believe me, the History of England is the most amusing of books—far more interesting than Fairy Tales or Romances."

Never was a more true word written or spoken. It is as true of it as of the Book of Nature, that

" You may read, and read, and read again,
And still find something new,
Something to please, and something to instruct "

Turn to what page you will, you will find the truth of this. Read straight on, or open a volume at random, it is always one and the same, in having always something new and different on each and every page. Every variety of human character, from the most noble to the most base, is here pourtrayed from the life. Every volume has its "chapter of accidents," of "moving accidents by flood and field," and every here and there is some "ow'er true a tale," which moves the heart with pity, or makes the blood run cold.

About two miles from Sundorne is a spot called Battle Field, on which the great conflict of Shrewsbury was fought, in which Earl Douglas was taken prisoner, his horse having fallen as he was hurrying down Haugmond Hill. Now a Church has been built upon it, a peaceful contrast to the scene of war.

The ruins of Haugmond Abbey, which formerly stood here, are still remaining, on a rising ground, a forest bounding it on one side, and the other commanding a noble view over the great plain of Shrewsbury, with the town and castle, almost surrounded by the river Severn.

The house is of Gothic architecture, and was built in the year 1740, but has been considerably altered since.

The entrance-hall is very large, and the staircase of richly carved oak. The library is fifty-two feet long, with a wide square recess, having a large mullioned window of stained glass. In an ante-drawing-room is a table filled with one hundred and twenty-eight different kinds of foreign marbles.

ROBERT PIGOTT, Esq., of Chetwynd, son and heir of Richard de Pashall, of Chetwynd, Knight, Sheriff of Shropshire in 1322, married Elizabeth, daughter of Sir John de Graft, Knight, of Kidlet.

THOMAS PIGOTT, Esq., of Chetwynd, was father of ROBERT PIGOTT, Esq., of Chetwynd, High Sheriff of Shropshire in 1574, married Elizabeth, daughter of William Gatacre, Esq., of Gatacre, and had a large family. The eldest son,

THOMAS PIGOTT, Esq., of Chetwynd, High Sheriff of the County in 1615, married Dorothy, daughter of Thomas Eyton, Esq., of Eyton, and dying in 1620, was succeeded by his son,

WALTER PIGOTT, Esq., of Chetwynd, High Sheriff of Shropshire in 1624. He married Catherine, daughter of Sir Richard Leveson, Knight, and had a son,

ROBERT PIGOTT, Esq., of Chetwynd, who married Anne, daughter of Henry Sneyd, of Shrewsbury, Shropshire. He died in 1665, and was followed by his son,

ROBERT PIGOTT, Esq., of Chetwynd, married to Anne, daughter of Sir John Dryden, Baron of the Exchequer, Kirby, Northamptonshire, and dying in 1669, was succeeded by his son,

ROBERT PIGOTT, Esq., of Chetwynd, Sheriff of Salop in 1697, married to Frances, daughter of William Ward, Esq., brother of Edward, Lord Dudley and Ward. The eldest son,

ROBERT PIGOTT, Esq., of Chetwynd, and of Chesterton Hall, Huntingdonshire, born November 21st., 1699, married, first, Diana, daughter and coheiress of Richard Rocke, Esq., of Shropshire, but had no children. He married, secondly, Anne, daughter of — Peers, Esq., of Criggion, Montgomeryshire, and died in May, 1770. His eldest son,

ROBERT PIGOTT, Esq., High Sheriff of Shropshire in 1774, of Chetwynd, sold that estate, and married, lived, and died abroad, July 7th., 1794, having a son who died before him. His brother,

THE REV. WILLIAM PIGOTT, Rector of Chetwynd and Edgmond, married Arabella, daughter of John Mytton, Esq., of Halston, and had issue. He died March 7th., 1811. The second son, the eldest having died,

THE REV. JOHN DRYDEN PIGOTT, Rector of Edgmond, married, February 3rd., 1806, Frances, second daughter and coheiress of Henry Bevan, Esq., of Shrewsbury, and had a large family, of whom the eldest son,

THE REV. JOHN DRYDEN PIGOTT, born April, 1808, became owner of Sundorne Castle at the death of Annabella, Lady Brinckman, January 23rd., 1864, and assumed, in 1865, the additional surname of CORBET.



HOLKER HALL,

NEAR CARTMEL, LANCASHIRE, DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE.

HOLKER HALL is finely situated in the midst of a park of very diversified scenery, comprising rocky eminences, from which many splendid views are obtained on all sides. It extends on the south and west to the sands of the river Lune.

The house has been altered and added to at different periods.

It contains a number of family portraits, by Sir Peter Lely, Sir Joshua Reynolds, etc., and a variety of other pictures by the most celebrated of the old masters, among them being works of Rubens, Van Dyck, Spagnoletti, Nicholas Poussain, Veefs, Wouvermans, Hobbima, Teniers, Zucharelli, and others.

The family of Cavendish, says Sir Bernard Burke in his "Peerage and Baronetage," had the foundation of its greatness laid by sharing in the plunder of the abbey lands seized on by King Henry the Eighth.

In the fourteenth century lived

SIR JOHN CAVENDISH, Chancellor of the University of Cambridge, who married Alice, daughter and heiress of John de Odyngseles. His younger son,

SIR JOHN CAVENDISH, is stated to have been Esquire of the Body to Richard the Second, and his great great grandson,

WILLIAM CAVENDISH. He married thrice; first, Margaret, daughter of Edmund Bostock, Esq., of Wolcroft, in Cheshire; secondly, Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas Conyngsby, Esq.; and thirdly, Elizabeth, daughter of John Hardwick, of Hardwick, in Derbyshire, and widow of Richard Barley, Esq., of the same shire, she being the eminent "Bess of Hardwick," whose large estates she inherited. Their second son,

SIR WILLIAM CAVENDISH, K.B., inherited her three splendid estates, namely, Chatsworth, Hardwick, and Oldcotes, each of the mansions on them having been erected by her. He was raised to the Peerage as BARON CAVENDISH OF HARDWICKE, May 4th., 1605, and advanced to an Earldom as EARL OF DEVONSHIRE, August 2nd., 1618. He married, first, Anne, daughter and coheiress of Henry Keighley, Esq., of Keighley, Yorkshire, and died, March 3rd., 1625. His eldest son, the only one by his first wife, succeeded, namely,

WILLIAM CAVENDISH, second EARL OF DEVONSHIRE, who married Christina, daughter

of Lord Bruce of Kincalvie, his death in 1628, was followed by his eldest

WILLIAM CAVENDISH, third EARL OF DEVONSHIRE. He married ~~Elizabeth~~, daughter of William Cecil, Earl of Salisbury, his son, and successor in 1628, being

WILLIAM CAVENDISH, fourth EARL OF DEVONSHIRE, K.G., and Lord Steward of the Household, created, May 12th., 1694, Marquis of Hartington and Duke of Devonshire. He married Mary, second daughter of James, Duke of Ormonde. His Grace died August 18th., 1707, and was succeeded by his eldest son,

WILLIAM CAVENDISH, second DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE. This nobleman married Rachel, daughter of William, Lord Russell, and had, with other issue,

WILLIAM CAVENDISH, third DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE, Lord Steward of the Household in 1729, and Lord Lieutenant of Ireland 1737—1744, married, in 1718, to Catherine, only daughter and heiress of John Hoskins, Esq. He died December 5th., 1755, and was succeeded by his eldest son,

WILLIAM CAVENDISH, K.G., fourth DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland in 1755, born in 1720, who had been called to the House of Peers June 13th., 1751, in his father's Barony of Cavendish. He married, March 28th., 1748, Charlotte, Baroness Clifford, of Lanesborough, only daughter and heiress of Richard, Earl of Burlington and Cork, (by which union the Barony of Clifford, created by ~~unit~~ of Charles the First, in 1628, came into the family), and had, with other children,—he died October 2nd., 1764,—an eldest son,

WILLIAM CAVENDISH, K.G., fifth DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE, born December 14th., 1748, married, first, June 6th., 1771, Georgina, daughter of John, Earl Spencer. He died July 29th., 1811, and was succeeded by his son,

WILLIAM SPENCER CAVENDISH, sixth DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE, K.G., K.S.A., K.A.N., D.C.L., P.C., Lord Lieutenant and Custos Rotulorum of Derbyshire, and High Steward of Derby, born May 21st., 1790, and died, unmarried, January 17th., 1858, when the Barony of Clifford fell into abeyance between his sisters, the Countesses of Carlisle and Granville, and the Dukedom, with the other titles, devolved on his Grace's cousin,

WILLIAM CAVENDISH, EARL OF BURLINGTON, who succeeded as seventh DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE, K.G., P.C., F.R.S., D.C.L., Lord Lieutenant and Custos Rotulorum of the County of Derby, High Steward of Cambridge, Chancellor of the University of Cambridge, & Senator of the London University, Steward of the Hundred of Amounderness, in Lancashire, born April 27th., 1808, married, August 6th., 1829, Lady Blanche, Georgiana Howard, daughter of George, sixth Earl of Carlisle, and had, with other children,

SPENCER COMPTON CAVENDISH, Marquis of Hartington, P.C., M.P., ~~Colonel~~ of the Second Derbyshire Militia, successively a Lord of the Admiralty, Secretary for War, Postmaster-General, and Chief Secretary ~~for Ireland~~, born July 23rd., 1833.



DUNSTER CASTLE,

NEAR DUNSTER, SOMERSETSHIRE.—FOUNES-LUTTRELL.

It is stated that the name of this place is derived from the words *Dun*, or *Dune*, a ridge of hills along a coast, and *Torre*, a tower; the latter, however, evidently came from the Latin word *Turris*.

After the Norman Conquest, Dunster was first held by SIR WILLIAM MOHUN, of the once potent family of that name, and next went to that of

LUTTRELL.

"The ancient castle, so far as we have the means of judging, was a quadrangle, while the keep was in all probability circular. The present castle was erected, in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, upon the site of the older building—that is, upon the south-eastern side of the conical hill called the Torr, commanding a view of the whole length of the Foro Street, beyond which is Conigar Hill, whose crest and sides, to the extent of nearly thirty acres, are clothed with wood. The top of the hill is no more than a thin ridge, with the shell of a tower at its eastern extremity. The tower, which was built by a former Mr. Luttrell, is overgrown with ivy, has the appearance of being in ruins, and serves as a landmark to seamen navigating the British Channel."

In the grounds is a remarkably fine lemon-tree, growing in the open air, requiring, however, to be protected during the winter months.

HENRY FOUNES, Esq., of Nethway House, Devonshire, married, in February, 1746, Margaret Luttrell, only child and heiress of Alexander Luttrell, Esq., of Dunster Castle, and she and her husband assumed the additional name and arms of LUTTRELL. They were succeeded by their eldest son,

JOHN FOUNES-LUTTRELL, Esq., of Dunster Castle, M.P. for Minehead, who married, August 3rd., 1782, Mary, eldest daughter of Francis Drewe, Esq., of Grange, Devonshire, and by her had issue, with several other children,—he died February 1816,—

JOHN FOUNES-LUTTRELL, Esq., of Dunster Castle, J.P. and D.L., born August 26th, 1787. He died unmarried in 1857, and was succeeded by his next brother,

DUNSTER CASTLE

HENRY FOWNES-LUTTRELL, Esq., of Dunster Castle, B.A. of ~~ex-senior~~ College, Oxford, M.P. for Minehead, 1816 to 1822, and a Commissioner of the Board of Audit from 1822 to 1849, born February 7th., 1790. He died October 6th., 1867, and was succeeded by his nephew,

GEORGE FOWNES-LUTTRELL, Esq., of Dunster Castle, J.P. and D.L., High Sheriff of Somersetshire in 1877, born September 27th., 1827, married, August 26th., 1852, Anne Elizabeth Periam Hood, youngest daughter of Sir Alexander Hood, Bart., M.P. for West Somersetshire, and had, with other children,

ALEXANDER FOWNES-LUTTRELL, Esq., Lieutenant in the Grenadier Guards, born June 5th., 1855.



EASTWELL PARK,

EARL ASHFORD, KENT.—EARL OF WINCHILSEA.

(THE RESIDENCE OF HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH.)

THE grounds of Eastwell Park, about four miles north-east of Ashford, are extremely beautiful and picturesque.

A noble mansion was erected here in 1546, towards the latter end of the reign of King Henry the Eighth, by the then owner. It was rebuilt by Mr. G. Finch-Hatton.

The east window of the Parish Church contains some good painted glass, exhibiting the arms and badges of several distinguished characters. There is also a tomb with figures of Sir Moyle Finch and his wife, Elizabeth, Countess of Wiuchilsea, who died in 1633, and others of members of the Finch family.

“Tradition has handed down a story of one of the workmen employed in building this mansion having claimed to be the son of Richard the Third. His account of himself is considered unworthy of credit; it, however, prevailed with the kind-hearted proprietor to allow him a piece of ground, with a small pension, which he enjoyed till his death, about four years afterwards. In the parish register appears the following entry:—‘Richard Plantagenet was buried the 19th day of Dec., 1550;’ but the tomb, said to have been erected to his memory, is of a later date.”

A model brig, sixty feet long, was launched on a lake in 1848.

WILLIAM FINCH, Esq., of Netherfield, Sussex, High Sheriff of Sussex and Surrey in the 8th. of Henry VI., stated to be descended from ~~Herbert~~, married Agnes, daughter of Walter Roo, Esq., of Dartford, whose eldest son,

JOHN FINCH, Esq., alias HERBERT, dying issueless, was succeeded by his brother,

HENRY FINCH, Esq., of Netherfield, who married Alice, only daughter and heiress of Philip Belknap, Esq., of the Moat, near Canterbury. His eldest son,

SIR WILLIAM FINCH, Knight, distinguished in the French wars of Henry VIII., was married twice, first to Elizabeth, daughter of Sir James Crowmer, of Tunstal, and secondly to Catherine, daughter of Sir John Gaynsford, of Crowhurst. He succeeded, at his decease, by the eldest son of the first wife,

LAWRENCE FINCH, Esq., who married Mary, daughter and heiress of Christopher Kemp, Esq., but dying without children, was followed by his brother,

~~THOMAS FINCH, Esq.,~~ ~~of Eastwell, Kent, a~~
~~descendant of the Knights of the Garter, and~~
~~daughter and coheiress of Sir Thomas Finch, of~~

~~SIR MARCH FINCH, Knight of the Garter, who~~
~~married Elizabeth, only daughter of Sir Thomas Maudesay, of~~
~~who some years after his death was elevated to~~
~~Viscountess Maudesay, and died, 1615.~~
~~His eldest son succeeded, at his decease in 1614, namely,~~

~~SIR THOMAS FINCH, who having no issue, the Baronetcy went to his brother,~~
~~SIR THOMAS FINCH, who, on the death of his mother, March, 1638, succeeded his~~
~~Peerages as Viscount MAIDSTONE and EARL OF WINCHILSEA. His Lordship married~~
~~Cecilia, daughter of John Wentworth, Esq., and died in November, 1660. His~~
~~eldest son was~~

~~WILLIAM FINCH, second EARL OF WINCHILSEA, who for his staunch adherence to~~
~~the Royal cause was created by Charles II. Baron Fitzherbert of Eastwell, K.~~
~~He married four times, and had twenty-seven children, and was succeeded by his son,~~

~~WILLIAM FINCH, third EARL OF WINCHILSEA, whose only son having died without~~
~~issue, was succeeded, at his decease, August 14th., 1712, to his uncle,~~

~~HENRY FINCH, fourth EARL OF WINCHILSEA, who married Anne, daughter of S~~
~~William Kingsmill, of Sidmonton, Hampshire, but died without issue, December~~
~~31st., 1726, when the titles devolved on his half brother,~~

~~George Finch, fifth EARL OF WINCHILSEA, at whose decease, without issue, December~~
~~31st., 1729, the Barony of Fitzherbert expired, while the Earldom and the County~~
~~went to his kinsman,~~

~~Baron FINCH, (second Earl of Nottingham and Baron Finch, a descendant of the~~
~~first Baronet). His Lordship married twice, secondly the Honourable Anne, the~~
~~only daughter of Christopher Hatton, Viscount Hatton, by whom he had a~~
~~family, of whom the eldest son succeeded him, at his death, January 1st., 1755.~~

~~DANIEL FINCH, seventh EARL OF WINCHILSEA and third EARL OF NOTTINGHAM,~~
~~married twice, but died in 1769, *sine prole*, and was succeeded by his nephew,~~

~~GEORGE FINCH, eighth EARL OF WINCHILSEA and fourth EARL OF NOTTINGHAM,~~
~~died unmarried, August 2nd., 1826, when the honours went to his cousin,~~

~~GEORGE WILLIAM FINCH-HATTON, ninth EARL OF WINCHILSEA and fifth~~
~~EARL OF NOTTINGHAM, born May 22nd., 1791, married, first, July 26th., 1814, to Lady~~
~~Charlotte Graham, eldest daughter of James Graham, third Duke of Montrose.~~
~~He died January 8th., 1858. His eldest son, by his first wife, was~~

~~GEORGE JAMES FINCH-HATTON, tenth EARL OF WINCHILSEA and sixth~~
~~EARL OF NOTTINGHAM, born May 31st., 1815, married, August 6th., 1846, to Lady~~
~~Eliza Papet, daughter of Henry, second Marquis of Anglesey, and~~

~~GEORGE WILLIAM HENEAGE FINCH-HATTON, Viscount Maidstone, born~~
~~December 1st., 1852, and married, December 28th., 1876, to~~
~~Frances, daughter of Sir George Jenkinson, Bart., died February 1886.~~



ACTON REYNALD HALL.

NEAR SHREWSBURY, SHROPSHIRE.—CORBET, BARONET.

IN Domesday Book this estate is given as belonging to one *Rinaldus*.

The family of Corbet removed to it when their ancient residence of Moreton Corbet Castle was destroyed by Cromwell's soldiery about the year 1644.

The present house was built in 1601, added to in 1625, again enlarged in 1800, and completed in 1834.

It is built in the Elizabethan style, and stands on a gentle eminence sheltered from the north by a background of hills. It commands fine views over Shropshire to the Wrekin, taking in, in various directions, the Cleo Hills, Lawley Hill, and Caradoc Hill, on the south and south-east; the Longmynd Hill, towards the south-west; the Montgomeryshire Hills on the west; and the Grins Hill on the north-west a thoroughly English scene altogether.

This family is stated to be derived from

HUGH CORBET, or CORBEAU, living in Normandy in 1040. The second of his four sons,

ROGER CORBET, held, at the general survey, no fewer than twenty-four lordships in Shropshire. His son,

WILLIAM DE CORBET, of Caus Castle and Wattleborough, was father of

SIR ROBERT DE CORBET, whose eldest son,

THOMAS CORBET, was great grandfather of

RICHARD CORBET, of Moreton Corbet. Thirteenth in descent from him was

SIR VINCENT CORBET, Knight, of Moreton Corbet, living in 1606, who married Frances, daughter and heiress of William Humfreston, Esq., and had two sons, the elder of whom,

SIR ANDREW CORBET, Knight, of Moreton Corbet, married Elizabeth, daughter of William Boothby, Esq., and at his decease, in 1637, left two sons, of whom the younger,

RICHARD CORBET, Esq., of Shawbury, on inheriting the estates of his grand-nephew, Sir Vincent Corbet, Bart., in 1688, became of Moreton Corbet. He married Grace, daughter of Sir William Noel, of Kirkby Mallory, Leicestershire, and dying in 1690, was succeeded by his son,

RICHARD CORBET,
BRIDGEWATER HALL,

ANDREW CORBET, Esq., son of Richard Corbet, died in 1735, leaving a daughter and heiress of William Corbet, Esq., of Moreton Corbet, and had, with other issue, an eldest son.

ANDREW CORBET, Esq., of Moreton Corbet, born in 1730, died unmarried in 1796. His brother inherited the estates.

RICHARD PARSON CORBET, Esq., of High Hatton and Moreton Corbet, born in 1735, married to Mary, daughter and heiress of John Wicksted, Esq., of Wem, Shropshire, and left an only son,—he died January 30th., 1779,—namely,

ANDREW CORBET, Esq., of Moreton Corbet, born December 17th., 1779, created a Baronet October 3rd., 1808. He married, in April, 1790, Mary, ~~eldest~~ daughter of Thomas Taylor, Esq., of Lymme Hall, in Cheshire, and left, at his death June 6th., 1835, an eldest son.

SIR ANDREW VINCENT CORBET, BARONET, of Moreton Corbet, born June 15th., 1800, who married, September 19th., 1820, Rachel Stephens, daughter of Colonel John Hill, of Hardwicke, and had two sons, besides daughters. The elder son succeeded, at his death, in September, 1855, as

SIR VINCENT ROWLAND CORBET, BARONET, of Moreton Corbet, born August 11th., 1821, Lieutenant in the Royal Horse Guards Blue, and High Sheriff of Shropshire in 1862. He married, May 9th., 1854, Caroline Elizabeth Anne Agnes Bridgeman, third daughter of Vice Admiral the Honourable Charles Orlando Bridgeman, of Knocken Hall, Shropshire, and had, with other children, an eldest son.

WALTER ORLANDO CORBET, a Lieutenant in the Coldstream Guards, born July 11th.. 1856.



LEVENS HALL,

NEAR HEVERSHAM, WESTMORELAND.—UPTON.

LEVENS HALL is a venerable pile of building, built in the reign of Elizabeth. The gardens were laid out in that of James the Second, in the quaint style then prevailing, with straight walks and clipped yew hedges. The grounds are very beautiful and romantic, hanging over the river Kent, which runs through the estate.

The banks of this stream are celebrated for the petrifying springs contained in them, by which plants and such like are encrusted.

The property lies in the parish of Heversham.

There are some old beech trees in the grounds of enormous size, as well as ancient thorn trees and venerable oaks studded about.

The park is well stocked with fallow deer.

There is an ancient round building, called Kirkstead, now in ruins, within it.

It used to be the custom, but whether it is continued at the present time I do not know, for the Mayor and Corporation of the town of Kendal to meet together once a year, namely, on the 12th. of May, to spend the afternoon with the friends of the House of Lovens, after having proclaimed the Fair at Milnthorpe, to eat radishes, drink "morocco,"—a very strong old ale,—play at bowls, and engage in other amusements.

The original name of this estate was Lefuenes. It was owned by UCHTRED, whose son, KETEL, sold it, in the year 1188, to NORMAN DE REDEMAN, with whose descendants it rested till the reign of Henry the Seventh. From them it was purchased by one of the family of BELLINGHAM, who held it till it was sold, about the year 1686, by ALAN BELLINGHAM, to

COLONEL JAMES GRAHAM, one of Sir Walter Scott's "Grahams of Netherby Clan." His only daughter married

HENRY BOWES HOWARD, EARL OF BUCKSHIRE, whose grand-daughter, THE HONOURABLE FRANCES HOWARD, heiress of the property, married RICHARD BAGOT, Esq., who assumed, in consequence, the surname of Howard. Of this marriage there was an only daughter,

MARY (BAGOT) HOWARD, who married, in the year 1807,

THE HONOURABLE TULKE GRENVILLE UPTON, younger brother of the first Lord

Templetown, who thereupon exchanged his residence for that of Hove. He died May 11th, 1846, in his 80th year. He was a man of great personal and amiable character, justly esteemed, the author of a number of valuable

THE HONORABLE AUGUSTUS UPTON, son of the late General Upton, a Major General in the Army, and Colonel of the 1st Regiment of Dragoon Guards, was born January 15th, 1807, and married, in 1832, to the Hon. Elizabeth Frederica Blake, elder daughter of Joseph Henry, 2nd Lord of Dunsany.



NORMANHURST,

NEAR BATTLE, SUSSEX — BRASSEY.

THE name of Normanhurst is in good historical keeping with that of Battle, where William the Norman and Harold the Saxon fought out the fight which ended in the decisive way it did for the annals of Old England.

THOMAS BRASSEY, Esq., of Bulkeley and Buerton, in Cheshire, married, February 10th., 1729, Mary, daughter of George Harrison, of Aldford, and left, at his decease, May 2nd., 1776, with other children,

GEORGE BRASSEY, Esq., of Buerton, (the fourth son), baptised May 31st., 1744, married Elizabeth Jackson, of Traverton, and died November 13th., 1803, having had five sons, of whom the second, surviving, was

JOHN BRASSEY, Esq., of Buerton, born May 19th., 1778, married Elizabeth, daughter of Ralph Percival, of Haslington Hall, in Cheshire, and died January 28th., 1831, the eldest son being

THOMAS BRASSEY, Esq., of Bulkeley, born November 7th., 1805, who married, December 27th., 1831, Maria Farrington Harrison, daughter of Joseph Harrison, Esq., of Liverpool, and had, with other children,—he died December 8th., 1870,—

THOMAS BRASSEY, Esq., of Bulkeley Grange, Cheshire, and Normanhurst, Sussex, born February 11th., 1836, M.A. of University College, Oxford, J.P. and D.L. for Sussex, a Barrister-at-Law, and Lieutenant commanding the London Brigade of Royal Naval Artillery Volunteers, contested the election for Birkenhead in 1861, and was returned for Devonport in 1865, and for Hastings in 1868. He married, October 9th., 1860, Anna, only child of John Allnutt, Esq., and had, with four daughters, a son, namely,

THOMAS ALLNUTT BRASSEY, born March 7th., 1863.

MABELLE ANNIE BRASSEY.

CONSTANCE ALSEETA BRASSEY, died January 24th., 1873.

MURIEL AGNES BRASSEY.

MARIA ADELAIDE BRASSEY.

NORMANHURST.

Mr. Brassey is the owner of the ~~only~~ ~~best~~ ~~most~~ ~~comprehensive~~ ~~and~~ ~~most~~ ~~useful~~ ~~book~~ ~~on~~ ~~the~~ ~~world~~ ~~war~~ ~~which~~ ~~has~~ ~~been~~ ~~written~~ ~~up~~ ~~to~~ ~~date~~ ~~and~~ ~~the~~ ~~only~~ ~~fault~~ ~~in~~ ~~such~~ ~~books~~ ~~is~~ ~~that~~ ~~they~~ ~~make~~ ~~the~~ ~~readers~~ ~~think~~ ~~that~~ ~~they~~ ~~themselves~~ ~~could~~ ~~"be~~ ~~there~~ ~~to~~ ~~see~~ ~~"the~~ ~~wonders~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~war~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~books~~ ~~in~~ ~~which~~ ~~they~~ ~~are~~ ~~written~~ ~~in~~ ~~is~~ ~~best.~~



APLEY PARK,

NEAR BRIDGNORTH, SHROPSHIRE.—FOSTER.

It is impossible to pass in front of this grand place, so long the seat of the great Shropshire house of "Whitmore of Apley," a name as well and as widely known as that of the "Wrekin" itself, by the railway, for mile after mile, without being struck with its magnificence, the noble woods seeming as if they would never come to an end: "Old England for ever!"

The present mansion, which is of large size, was built on the site of the old hall. The river Severn bounds the park on one side, and naturally adds its beauty to the scene. The terrace above is above a mile in length, and is wide enough for six carriages to pass abreast. It rises with hanging woods to a great height above the river, and commands a view of almost unrivalled extent and beauty.

HUGH FOSTER, of Nantwich, in the county of Chester, was father of HENRY FOSTER, of Stourbridge, in Worcestershire, born in 1743, married Mary, widow of Gabriel Bradley, of Stourbridge, daughter of — Haden, by whom, at his death, January 29th., 1811, he left four children, two sons and two daughters, namely,

WILLIAM FOSTER, of whom next.

JAMES FOSTER, of Stourton Castle, Staffordshire, High Sheriff of Worcestershire in 1840, M.P. for Bridgnorth, acquired an immense fortune as an ironmaster. He died, unmarried, April 12th., 1853.

MARY FOSTER, died unmarried.

LUCY FOSTER, died unmarried.

The elder son,

WILLIAM FOSTER, Esq., of Wordsley House, afterwards of Stourton Court, Staffordshire, born in 1784, married Charlotte, daughter of John Orme, of Dulwich. He died September 26th., 1860, having had, with other children, an eldest son,

WILLIAM ORME FOSTER, Esq., J.P. and D.L., M.P. for Staffordshire, High Sheriff of the County of Wexford in 1876, inherited the chief portion of the very large fortune of his uncle, and purchased Apley Park of the Whitmore family in 1868,

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DALTON HALL,

NEAR BEVERLEY, YORKSHIRE.—LORD HOTHAM.

DALTON HALL is very pleasantly situated in a well-wooded Park, the surrounding district being valuable farming land in the very highest state of cultivation. The house has been greatly improved, at a large expense, by the present noble owner, the fifth of the title.

This is one of those many families which derives its name from the place where some early ancestor lived and died.

PETER DE MALO LACU is stated to have been the father of JOHN HOTHAM, who assumed the surname from the village so called in the East Riding of Yorkshire. Fifth in descent from him was

SIR JOHN DE HOTHAM, Knight, living in the reign of Henry V. He was father of SIR JOHN DE HOTHAM, Knight, whose son,

JOHN DE HOTHAM, was father of

SIR JOHN DE HOTHAM, Knight, *tempore* Edward IV. The succession after him was as follows:—

SIR JOHN HOTHAM, Knight.

SIR FRANCIS HOTHAM, Knight.

SIR JOHN HOTHAM, Knight.

SIR JOHN HOTHAM, Knight, Governor of Hull in the reign of Charles I, and beheaded by the Cromwellians for corresponding with the Royalists. He had been created a Baronet, January 14th., 1621. He married four times, but having no son to survive him, his eldest son being also beheaded with himself on Tower Hill, was succeeded by his grandson,

SIR JOHN HOTHAM, BARONET.

SIR JOHN HOTHAM, BARONET, at whose decease ~~his~~ ^{his} ~~prole~~ ^{prole} in 1691, the title reverted to his cousin, son of the Rev. Charles Hotham, Rector of Wigan, namely,

SIR CHARLES HOTHAM, BARONET, Colonel of Dragoons, and M.P. for Beverley.

SIR CHARLES HOTHAM, BARONET, Colonel of the Horse Grenadier Guards, a Groom of the Bedchamber, and M.P. for Beverley.

SIR CHARLES HOTHAM, BARONET, also a Groom of the Bedchamber, died in 1767, and was succeeded by his son,

SIR CHARLES HOTHAM, BARONET.

SIR CHARLES HOTHAM, Baronet. Followed his father in the Baronetage.

CHARLES HOTHAM, BARONET,

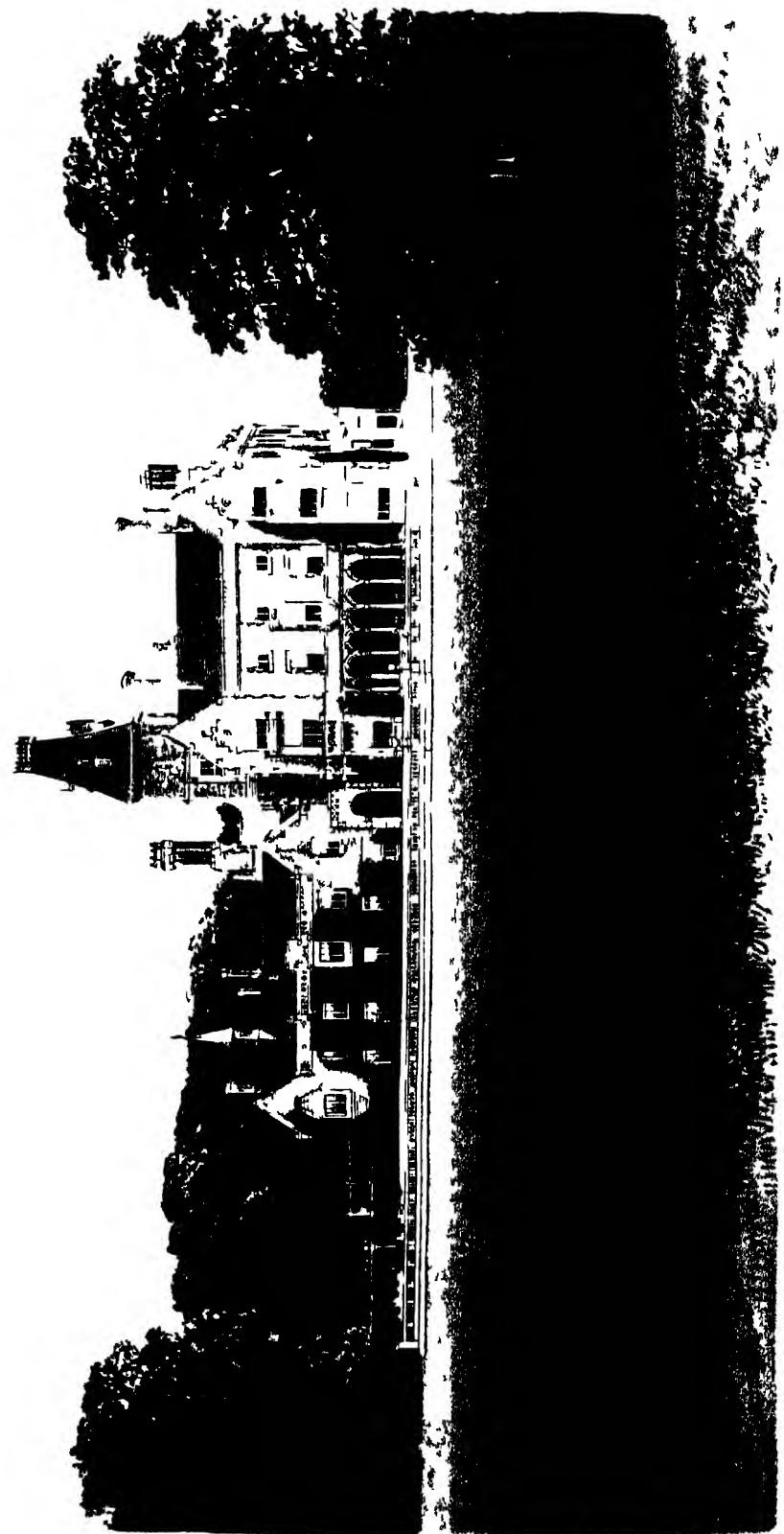
The Right Honourable SIR WALTER HOTHAM, Baronet, son of the above, White, created BARON HOTHAM of South Dalton in the County of York, April 1, 1797, in consideration of his gallant achievements at the battle of Waterloo. His Lordship died May 2nd., 1813, when the honours devolved on his brother.

SIR BEAUMONT HOTHAM, Knight, one of the Barons of the Exchequer, who succeeded as second LORD HOTHAM and to the Baronetage. He married, in 1805, Hannah, second daughter of Sir Thomas Hankey, Knight, and widow of Sir John Hankey, Esq. On his death, March 4th., 1814, he was succeeded by his grandson.

SIR BEAUMONT HOTHAM, third LORD HOTHAM, and a Baronet, a general in the Army, born August 9th., 1794. He was engaged at Waterloo, Sedan, Vittoria, Nivelle, and Nive. He was for some considerable time M.P. for Scarborough, 1820 to 1841, and afterwards, nearly till his death, December 12th., 1870, for the East Riding of Yorkshire. Lord Hotham rebuilt at his own cost, towards £20,000, the Parish Church of South Dalton, now called Daltonholme, a small hamlet the latter name having been conjoined to it. The splendid spire of this church is a very conspicuous object for many a long mile over the Wolds and towards Holderness. He was succeeded by his nephew, (son of his brother, the Honourable George, Frederick Hotham, Rear Admiral R.N., born October 20th., 1799, who married, in 1824, Lady Susan Maria O'Brien, eldest daughter and coheiress of William O'Brien, Marquis of Thomond, and had several children, all of whom died unmarried, except a daughter, the Honourable Susan Frances Hotham, married, June 6th., 1877, to the Rev. A. C. Jackson, Curate of Horsham, and two sons, successors to the title,) namely,

CHARLES HOTHAM, fourth LORD HOTHAM, and a Baronet, Knight of the Medjidie, a Captain in the Royal Navy, born May 29th., 1836, died unmarried, May 29th., 1872, and was succeeded by his brother,

John HOTHAM, fifth LORD HOTHAM, and a Baronet, born May 18th.,



HEMSTED PARK,

NEAR STAPLEHURST, KENT.—VISCOUNT CRANBROOK.

THE present house, which was begun in 1859, is built of brick and Corsham stone, in the style of the architecture of the reign of James the First. It has a tower about a hundred feet high, from which, on a clear day, a magnificent view is obtained, not only of the neighbouring country, but even of the French coast and a wide extent of sea, which is also to be seen in some directions from the lower windows.

It stands nearly at the summit of the Weald of Kent, and the top of the tower is probably the highest point in the county.

Trees of all kinds grow well, the oak especially, being natural to the soil. There are some fine specimens of trees of modern introduction into the kingdom, such as the Wellingtonia, etc., etc.

Hemsted is in the parish of Benenden, but is a manor of itself.

ROBERT DE HEMSTED was the owner of this place in the reign of Henry the Third, either deriving his name from, or giving it to it. It next became the property of JAMES DE ECHYNGHAM, who paid aid for it in the tenth year of that of Edward the Third, on the making the Black Prince a knight. Following him,

SIR ROBERT BELKNAP, Knight, Chief Justice of the Court of Common Pleas in the reign of King Richard the Second, became possessed of it, but, as an adherent of his, was attainted by Bolingbroke on coming to the throne, and the estate was estreated to the Crown. The new king granted it to

WILLIAM DE GULDEFORD, High Sheriff of the County, who made great additions to the mansion. One of his descendants entertained Queen Elizabeth here for three days. Afterwards,

ROBERT GULDEFORD, in the reign of Queen Anne, sold it, under an Act of Parliament, to

SIR JOHN NORRIS, Knight, Admiral of the Fleet, and Vice Admiral of England. It remained in his family till

JOHN NORRIS, Esq., in the year 1780, had it sold in like manner by an Act of Parliament, the purchaser being

THOMAS HALLÉT HODGES, Esq., Sheriff of the County in 1786, of whose descendant it was purchased by

GATHORNE HARDY, Esq.

JOHN HARDY, Esq., of Bradford, Yorkshire, son of Atkinson, to whom he succeeded, died at Hemsted Park, 3rd., 1866.—

JOHN HARDY, Esq., of Dunstall Hall, Staffordshire, son of Richard Gathorne, M.P. for Bradford from 1833 to 1847, married, August 1832, Mary, daughter of Richard Gathorne, Esq., of Kirkby Lonsdale, Westmorland, and had three sons and nine daughters. The sons were,

JOHN HARDY, Esq., of Dunstall Hall, M.P. for Midhurst 1854, for Dartmouth 1860 to 1868, and for South Warwickshire 1868 to 1874.

CHARLES HARDY, Esq., of Odsall House, Bradford, Yorkshire, and Chilham Castle, Kent, J.P., D.L.

GATHORNE HARDY, Esq.

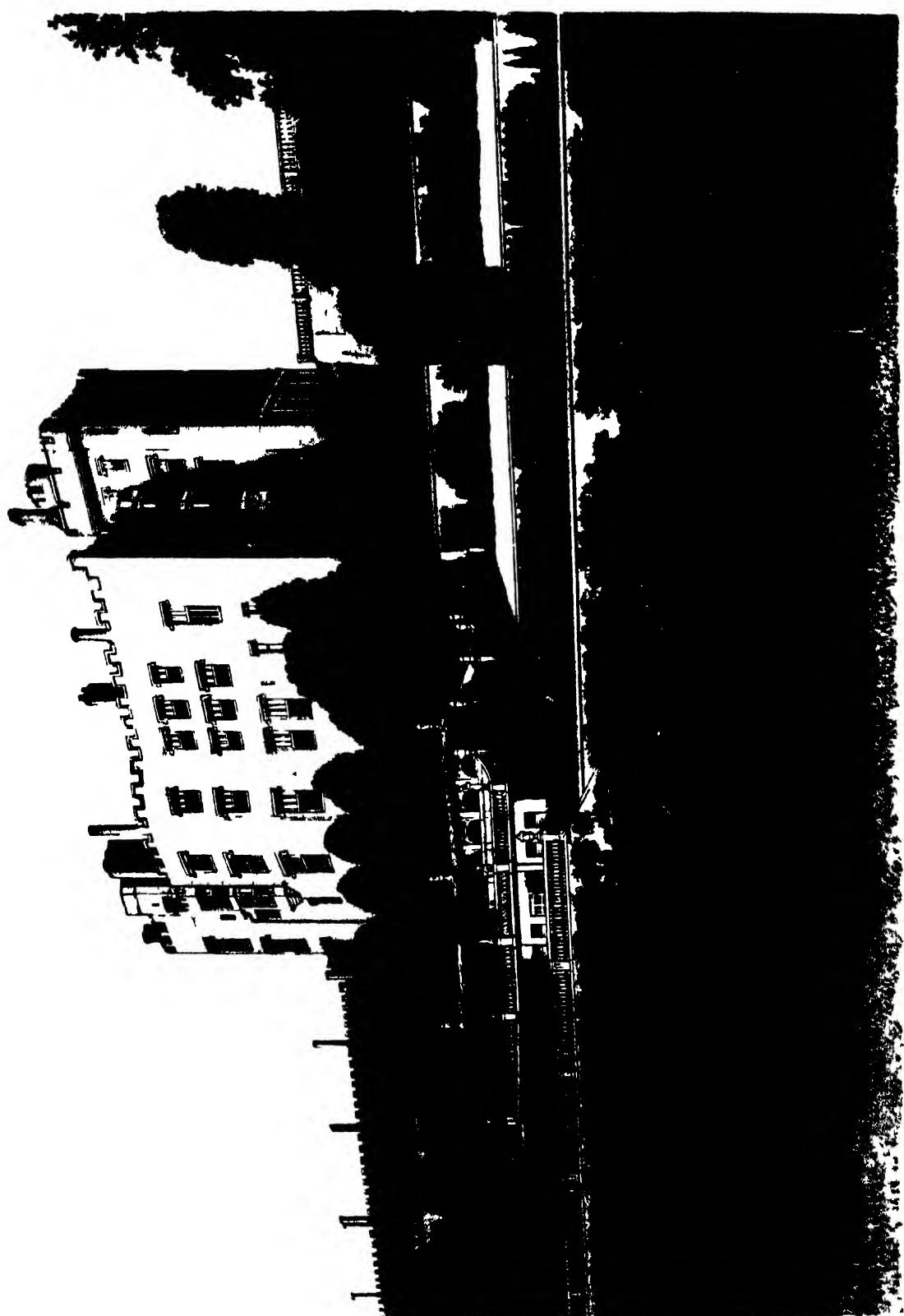
The younger son,

GATHORNE HARDY, Esq., of Hemsted Park, Kent, P.C., J.P. and D.L. for the West Riding of Yorkshire, and J.P. for the County of Kent, M.A., M.P. for ~~and~~ D.C.L. of the University of Oxford, born October 1st., 1814, married, March 29th., 1838, Jane, third daughter of James Orr, Esq., of Ballygowan, and afterwards of Hollywood House, in the County of Down.

"This eminent gentleman, educated at Shrewsbury School and University College, Oxford, B.A. 1837, was called to the Bar in 1840, and became a Bencher of the Inner Temple. He was elected M.P. for Leominster in 1856, and represented that constituency until 1860, when he was returned for the University of Oxford. He filled successively the offices of Secretary of State for the Home Department, 1858-1859; President of the Poor Law Board, 1866-1867; Secretary of State for the Home Department, 1867-1868; Secretary for War, from 1874 to 1878; and Secretary of State for India, 1878 to 1880. In that year he was raised to the Peerage as VISCOUNT CRANBROOK, of Hemstod, Kent, and by Royal Licence obtained for himself and his heirs the additional surname and arms of Gathorne." The eldest son,

JOHN STEWART GATHORNE HARDY, Esq., of Cauden Hill, Kent, M.P. for Rye 1868, J.P. and D.L. for Kent, educated at Eton College and Christ Church, Oxford, Lieutenant in the Rifle Brigade, born March 22nd., 1839, married, June 27th., 1867, Cecily Marguerite Wilhelmina, daughter of Joseph Ridgeway, Esq., of Brandfold, Kent. His eldest son,

GATHORNE HARDY, was born December 18th., 1870.



POWIS CASTLE,

NEAR WELLOMBOLE, MONTGOMERYSHIRE.—EARL OF POWIS.

Powis Castle is a venerable pile of building, and from it, being on high ground, a variety of views of great extent are obtained over the valley of the Severn. It is built of the red stone of the country.

Within the house the principal gallery is one hundred and seventeen feet long. In another are a number of family portraits. A separate room also contains many valuable paintings by the most celebrated masters.

The park, of an undulated character, is adorned with a quantity of fine timber.

RICHARD CLIVE, of Styche, in the county of Salop, stated to be twelfth in descent from Henry de Clive, of Clive, married Margaret, daughter of Sir Richard Corbet, of Moreton Corbet, and had several children, of whom the eldest son,

RICHARD CLIVE, of Styche, living in the reign of King Henry the Eighth, married Jane, sister of Sir William Brereton, Knight, of Brereton, and died in 1573, leaving, with daughters, one son,

SIR GEORGE CLIVE, of Styche, Chancellor of the Exchequer in Ireland, who married Susannah, daughter of Henry Copinger, Esq., of Buxhall, Suffolk, and had two sons. The second,

AMBROSE CLIVE, Esq., of Styche, married Alice, daughter of T. Townshend, Esq., of Brackenack, Norfolk, and had

ROBERT CLIVE, Esq., of Styche, M.P. in the Long Parliament, who married Mary, daughter of Sir H. Abyn, Knight. Their son,

GEORGE CLIVE, Esq., married Mary, daughter and heiress of Martin Husbands, Esq., of Wembridge, Hertfordshire, and died in the lifetime of his father, so that his son succeeded.

HONORABLE CLIVE, Esq., of Styche, married to Elizabeth, daughter of R. Amphlett, Esq., of The Tower Ashes, Warwickshire, and left

RICHARD CLIVE, Esq., of Styche, M.P. for Montgomeryshire in several successive Parliaments. He married Rebecca, daughter and coheiress of Nathaniel Gaskell, Esq., of Manchester, and had, with daughters, two sons, of whom the elder was

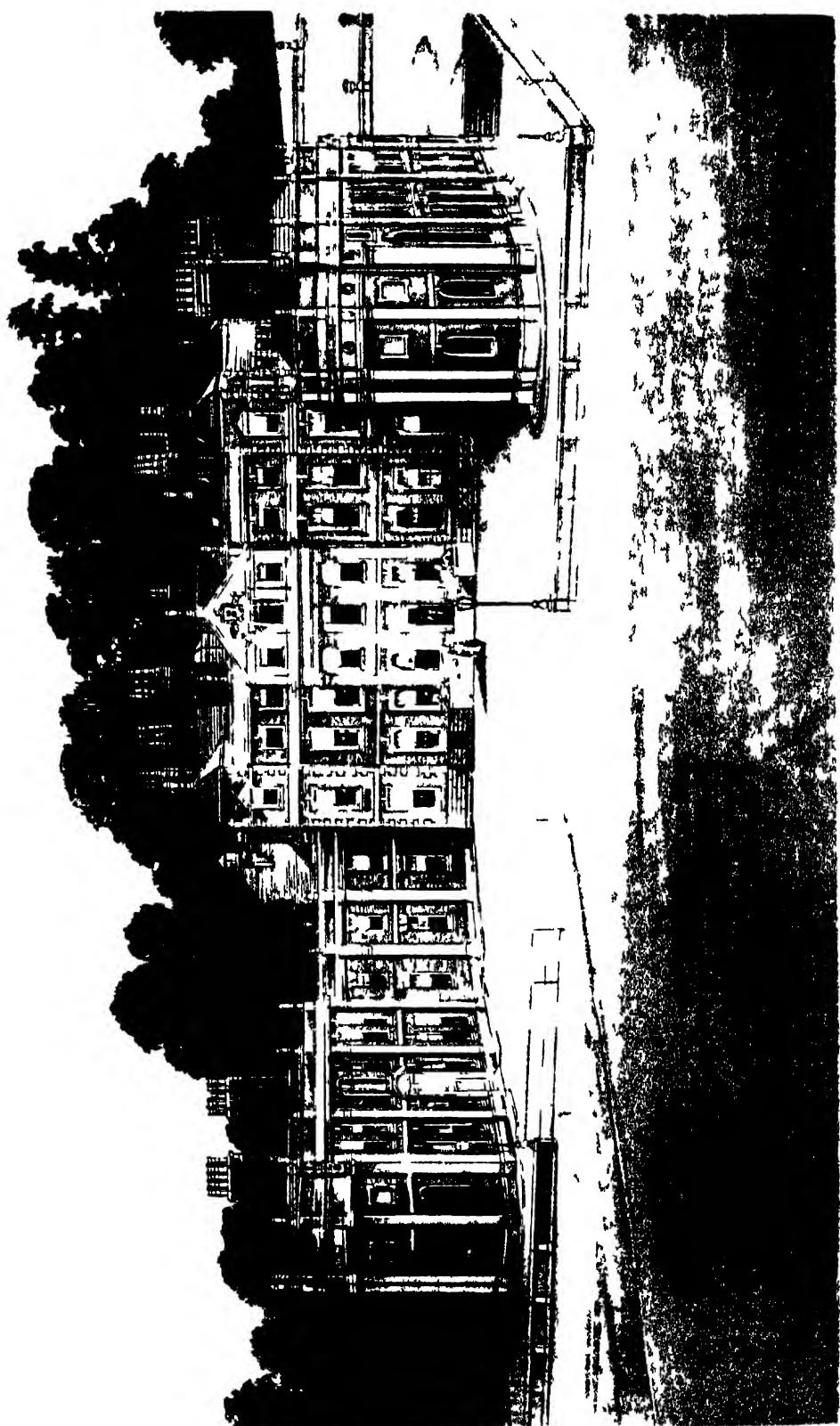
ROBERT CLIVE, Esq., Knight, born February 24th., 1726, who for his splendid services in India, at Pondicherry, Arcot, and Plassey, etc., was elevated to the Peerage,

of Ireland as BARON CLIVE, of Plas Newydd, in the County of Montgomery, afterwards M.P. for Shrewsbury, from 1768 to 1774, and for Shropshire, 1774. He had married, February 1768, Margaret, daughter of Edmund Maskelyne, Esq., of Purton, Wiltshire, and had two daughters, of whom the elder son,

EDWARD CLIVE, second LORD CLIVE, born March 7th, 1771, in the County of Shropshire, was created BARON CLIVE, of Walcot, in the County of Gloucester, in the Peerage of Great Britain, August 18th., 1794, and further, May 14th., 1801, BARON POWIS, of Powis Castle, in the County of Montgomery, Baron HERBERT, of Chebury, Salop, Viscount CLIVE, of Ludlow, in the County of Salop, and Earl of POWIS, in the County of Montgomery. His lordship had married, May 7th., 1804, the Honourable Henrietta Antonia, daughter of Henry Arthur Herbert, Earl of POWIS, the last of that line, and died May 16th., 1839, having also had two sons and two daughters, the elder son inheriting, namely,

EDWARD (CLIVE) HERBERT, second EARL of POWIS, K.G., Lord Lieutenant of Montgomeryshire, born March 27th., 1785, married Lady Lucy Graham, third daughter of James Graham, third Duke of Montrose, and by her left at his death, January 17th., 1848,

EDWARD JAMES HERBERT, third EARL of POWIS, born November 5th., 1818, High Steward of the University of Cambridge, LL.D., D.C.L.



HA WKESTONE,

NEAR HODNET, SHROPSHIRE.—VISCOUNT HILL.

THIS is described as a domain of singular beauty; cragged rocks, hill and dale, wood and water, all contributing in turn to set it off.

In the grounds are the remains of Red Castle, connected with the history of the family during the civil war; and on the highest part of a noble terrace is a column one hundred feet in height, bearing a statue of Sir Rowland Hill, the first Lord Mayor of London of the Reformed Church.

There was a tradition in ancient times, as stated by Camden, that the Britons had here a city; and afterwards the Romans appear to have had an encampment or town also.

Within doors, the house, which was considerably altered in the reign of Queen Anne, and again in 1832, contains some splendid historical and other paintings and portraits, in the spacious and handsome dining room. In the south wing are the private chapel and the library, the former being said to be one of the most elegant in the kingdom. There is also a museum, containing specimens of nearly every British bird.

The estate was formerly held by a family of the same name, one of whom, Sir George Hawkstone, of Hawkstone, was High Sheriff for the county in the year 1416.

HUMPHREY HILL, of Buntingale, *tempore* Henry V., married Agnes, daughter and coheiress of John Bird. Their second son,

RALPH HILL, married the daughter of Thomas Green, of Green's Norton, and had two sons, of whom

HUMPHREY HILL, of Adderley, was great grandfather of Rowland Hill, Esq., of Hawkstone, married to Margaret, daughter of Richard Whitehall, Esq., and had three sons. The second,

SIR RICHARD HILL, P.C., living in the reigns of King William III., Queen Anne, and George I., died unmarried, leaving much of his large fortune between his two nephews, Samuel Barber and Thomas Horwood, who both assumed the surname of Hill, the son of the former being elevated to the Peerage as Lord Baswick, but the Hawkstone estate went to his nephew and heir-at-law,

ROWLAND HILL, Esq., High Sheriff of Shropshire, and of the County of Shropshire, who was created Baronet in 1732, and died in 1783, his first wife, (1732) being Jane, daughter of Sir John Sutton, Bart. He died in 1783. His eldest son,

SIR RICHARD HILL, BARONET, M.P. for Shropshire for a long period, died unmarried, November 28th., 1809, when the title devolved on his next brother,

SIR JOHN HILL, BARONET, born August 1st., 1740, who married Mary, daughter and coheiress of John Clarke, Esq., of Petton, Shropshire, and had thirteen children. He died in 1824. His eldest son,

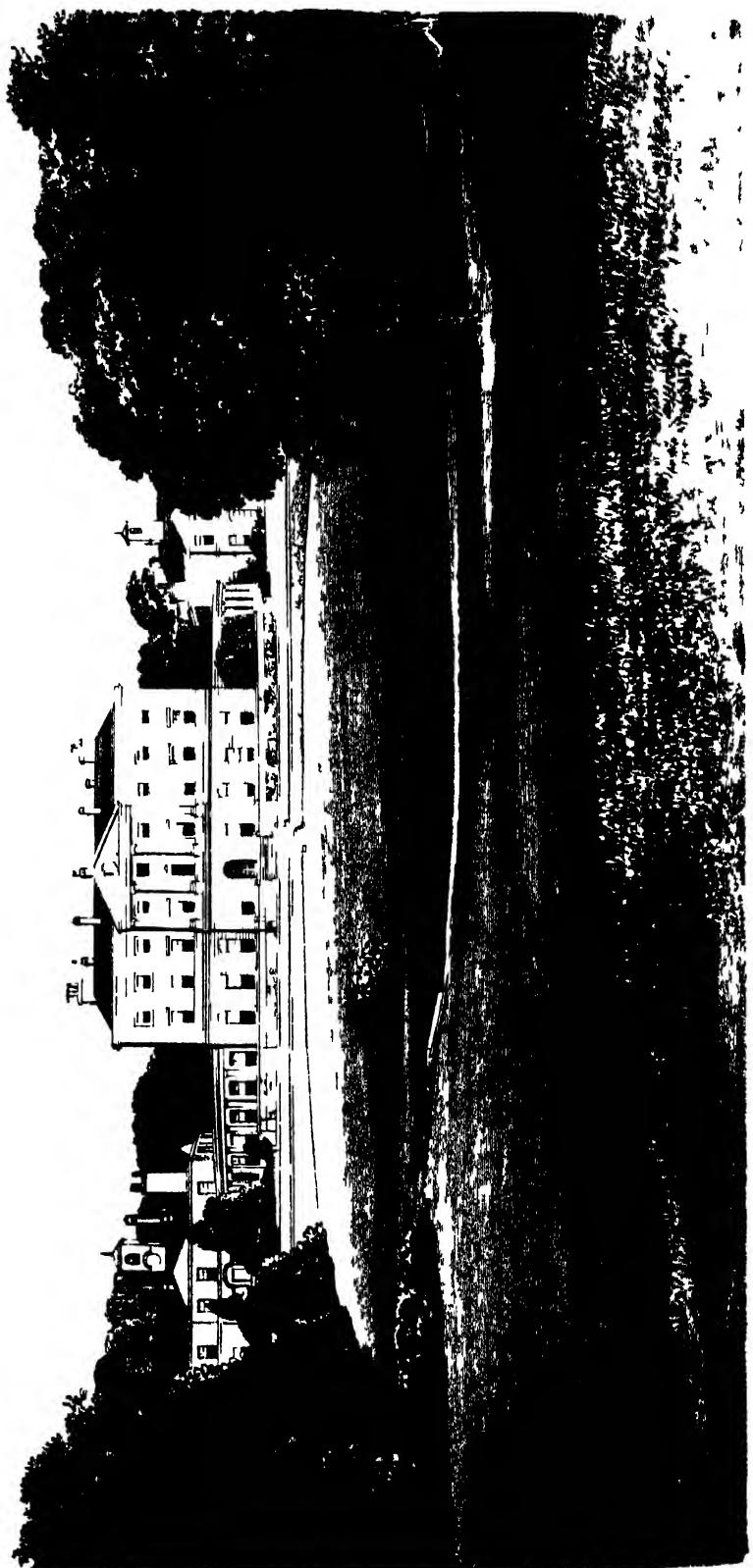
JOHN HILL, Esq., born in 1769, married, in 1795, Elizabeth Rhodes Cornish, daughter of Philip Cornish, Esq., and dying before his father, (who died in 1821), January 27th., 1814, his eldest son,

SIR ROWLAND HILL, BARONET, born in 1800, succeeded his grandfather as Baronet, and his uncle, (his father's next brother ROWLAND, G.C.B., who had been created BARON HILL, and afterwards VISCOUNT HILL, for his eminent military services in the Peninsular war), as second VISCOUNT HILL. He married, July 21st., 1831, Anne, only child and heiress of Joseph Clegg, Esq., of Peploe Hall, Shropshire, and at his death, January 2nd., 1875, was succeeded by the elder of his two sons, namely,

SIR RICHARD CLEGG CLEGG-HILL, fifth BARONET, and third VISCOUNT HILL, J.P. and D.L. for Shropshire, some time M.P. for North Shropshire, and Major in the North Shropshire Yeomanry Cavalry, born December 5th., 1833, married, May 3rd., 1855, Mary, daughter of William Madax, Esq., and by her, who died January 7th., 1871, had two sons,

ROWLAND RICHARD, born February 12th., 1863.

FRANCIS WILLIAM, born November 4th., 1866.



HOWICK HALL,

NEAR ALNWICK, NORTHUMBERLAND.—EARL GREY.

Howick Hall is very pleasantly situated by the Northumbrian coast, on the bank of a brook that winds round the lawn in front.

The old Tower of Howick, mentioned by Leland, still remains. The present house was built towards the close of the eighteenth century.

The church, and a free school for the children of the tenantry of the estate, were built by one of the former owners, Sir Henry Grey, Baronet, who also endowed the latter with ten pounds per annum, increased afterwards by Mrs. Magdalen Grey with a rent-charge of thirteen pounds a year

SIR JOHN GREY, Knight, of Berwick, living in 1372, was father of SIR THOMAS GREY, Knight, of Berwick and Chillingham, who died in 1402, leaving issue by Jane, daughter of John Mowbray, Duke of Norfolk. The second son,

SIR THOMAS GREY, Knight, of Werke, married Alice, daughter of Ralph Neville, Earl of Westmoreland, and had four sons, of whom the third, and eventual heir,

SIR RALPH GREY, Knight, married Elizabeth, daughter of Henry, Lord Fitzhugh. Their great grandson,

SIR RALPH GREY, Knight, of Chillingham, married Isabel, daughter and coheiress of Sir Thomas Grey, Knight, of Horton, Northumberland, and had four sons, the third of whom,

SIR EDWARD GREY, Knight, of Howick, Northumberland, married Catherine, daughter of Roger L'Estrange, Esq., of Hunstanton, in Norfolk, and died in 1632. He was father of

PHILIP GREY, Esq., son to a daughter of Westwood of Westwood, in Northumberland, and half

EDWARD GREY, Esq. (successor to his grandfather), of Howick. He married the daughter of Martin Mawer, Esq., of Kenton, and had, with other children,—he died in 1668.

PHILIP GREY, Esq., of Howick, who died unmarried. His next brother,

JOHN GREY, Esq., married Dorothy Lisle, of Acton, in Northumberland, and had, with four daughters, no issue.

GREY, Esq., of Howick, successor to his father, was a Member of Parliament for Northumberland, and was a Baronet January 1, 1740, made a Major-General in the Army, and was killed at the battle of Culloden, in Northumberland, and his son, Sir Henry Grey, died in 1749.

Sir HENRY GREY, second Baronet, who died unmarried in 1749, had a surviving brother,

SIR CHARLES GREY, K.B., P.C., born in 1729, a Major-General in the Army, was elevated to the Peerage, June 23rd., 1801, by the title of Baron GREY de HOWICK, and was further advanced to the dignity of an Earldom, April 11th., 1806, as Viscount HOWICK and EARL GREY. He married in 1762, Elizabeth, daughter of George Grey, Esq., of Southwick. He had been wounded at the battle of Culloden. He died November 14th., 1807. His eldest son,

CHARLES GREY, K.G., second Earl and third Baronet, born March 16th., 1784, had been M.P. for Northumberland from 1786, and became First Lord of the Admiralty, and afterwards First Lord of the Treasury. He married, November 14th., 1794, Mary Elizabeth, only daughter of the first Lord Ponsonby, of Imokilly, and left at his decease, July 17th., 1845, an eldest son,—of thirteen children,—

HENRY GEORGE GREY, third EARL GREY, and fourth Baronet, Secretary for the Colonies from 1846 to 1852, born December 28th., 1802, married, August 9th., 1832, to Maria, daughter of Sir Joseph Copley, Baronet, of Sprotborough, Yorkshire. Her Ladyship died September 14th., 1879.



HAWARDEN CASTLE,

NEAR MOLD, FLINTSHIRE —GLADSTONE

IN the olden times here was a stronghold of the Saxons, and at the date of the Conquest it was in the hands of

EDWIN, KING OF DWYR.

It was then comprehended in the grant made to

LUPUS, and was afterwards held under the tenure of Seueschalship by the family of MONTALT, or DE MONTE ALTO.

In after times, in the wars between the Welsh and the English, it more than once had a change of owners, and, among others of these, one was

DAVID, THE WELSH PRINCE, but after his death on the scaffold, it went, through various other possessors, to the family of

STANLEY, by whom it was held till the time of the Civil War, when the castle suffered seriously more than once, and on the beheading of the then Earl of Derby in the fight at Worcester in 1651, it was bought by

MR. SERJEANT GLYNNE, who afterwards attained the dignity of Lord Chief Justice. His subsequent successor,

SIR JOHN GLYNNE, rebuilt the house, on a new site, of plain brick, in 1752, and it was further altered, and cased with stone in the castellated style, in the year 1819, by the then proprietor. On the death of the last of the family,

SIR STEPHEN RICHARD GLYNNE, BARONET, the estate went, by the marriage of his eldest daughter, to that of

GLADSTONE.

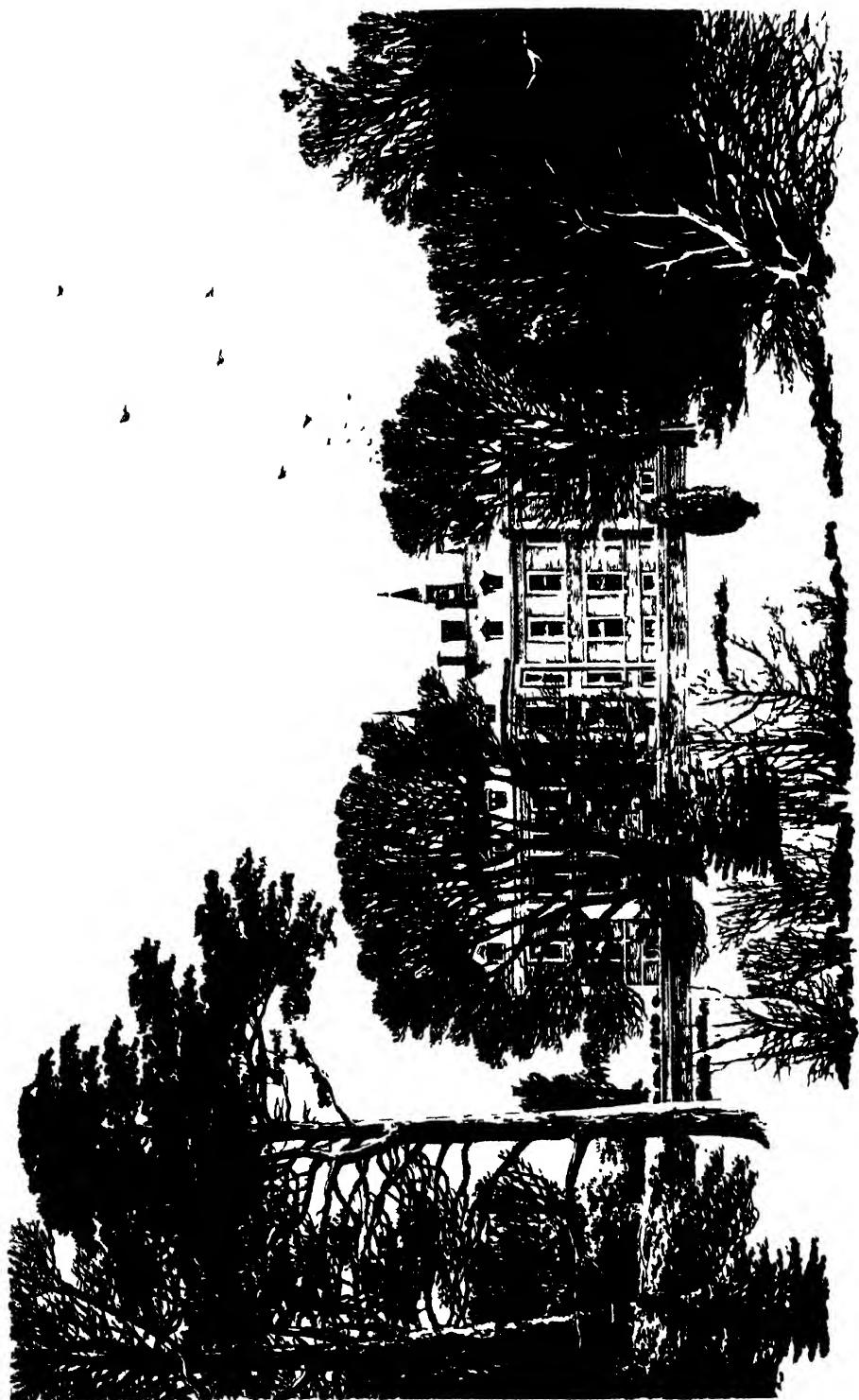
JOHN GLADSTONES, of Toft-Combes, near Bigger, Lanarkshire, married Janet Aitken. Their son,

THOMAS GLADSTONES, of Leith, married Helen, daughter of Walter Neilson, Esq., of Springfield, and died in 1809. His eldest son,

SIR JOHN GLADSTONE, born December 11th., 1764, dropped the final *s* in his name by Royal Licence, February 10th., 1835, and was created a Baronet, June 27th., 1846. He married, in 1792, Jane, daughter of Joseph Hall, Esq., of Liverpool, which lady died in 1798. He married, secondly, April 29th., 1800, Anne, daughter of Andrew Robertson, Provost of Dingwall, in Rossshire, and died in December, 1851, having had four sons and two daughters. The fourth son,

The Hon. HENRY WALTER GLADSTONE, M.A., M.P. for Northamptonshire, a barrister, born at Oxford, became a student at Balliol in 1845, Chancery Clerk in the other minor offices of the University, and a member of the Treasury Bench from 1865 to 1874, having been successively M.P. for Northamptonshire, Northampton, Northamptonshire, Nottingham, Nottinghamshire, Nottingham, and Midlothian. He married, July 15th, 1868, Catherine, eldest daughter and heiress of Sir Stephen Richard Glynn, Baronet of Hawarden Castle, and had four sons and four daughters, the eldest son being

WILLIAM HENRY GLADSTONE, M.A., M.P. for Whitchurch and afterwards for East Worcestershire, 1880, a Lord of the Treasury from 1880 to 1874, born June 3rd, 1840, married, September 30th, 1875, the Honourable Gertrude Stuart, youngest daughter of Lord Bantry.



WARTER PRIORY,

NEAR POCKLINGTON, YORKSHIRE WILSON.

IT is a well-known remark, and a true one, that the old Abbeys, the remains of which still demand so much deserved admiration, were placed in the most attractive situations in the country.

I know of but few exceptions to this all but universal rule, such as Thorney Abbey, in Nottinghamshire, which stands on a perfectly flat plain,—though even this, as I remarked in the preface to these volumes, “gives it a character and beauty of its own,”—and Thornton Abbey, near Grimsby, Lincolnshire, also on like level ground; so, too, Meaux Abbey, in Holderness. There is again, though very differently placed, Whitby Abbey, built on a bare and bleak height, looking out, on one side, on our eastern ocean, and on the other over the Yorkshire Moors, though not without many views from it of great beauty.

The remark I have just made, applies, as in so many other cases, to the one now before us, namely, Warter Priory,—or rather to the site of it, for not a vestige of the old building remains,—having been very beautifully situated near the village that still bears the name, surrounded by a variety of higher and lower hills of divers shapes, and close by a wide-spread spring of never-failing water, the source of a small stream which thence takes its winding way down the valley to Nunburnholme, two miles distant.

At the latter small village was formerly also a Nunnery, whence the name, which originally, as in old documents still, was Burnholme,—the “home” by the side of the burn or stream.

Just midway between the two, and very beautifully situated on the side of a hill, the highest in the East Riding, and well wooded in all directions, the house now called Warter Priory stands, in the midst of a park of most pleasantly undulated and well timbered grounds.

There is no doubt that the parish of Warter derives its name from the spring of water I have spoken of, being often and so spelled, and it is to this day, in dry seasons, the invaluable source of supply of water to the whole of the Wolds for many miles in all directions.

The estate, consisting of ~~between~~ eight and nine thousand acres, was sold in the year 1878 by Lord Muncaster, ~~after~~ preferred living entirely at his more ancestral place of Muncaster Castle, Cumberland, to Charles Henry Wilson, Esq., M.P. for Hull.

England is proud, and may well be proud, of her "Merchant" whose name, as a class, is one throughout the world with honour and profit.

In great variety are these pursuits, but none of them, assuredly, are more bound up with the character of the country than those who "go down to the sea in ships and occupy their business in great waters."

Nor are they of yesterday. The "Ancient Mariner" has been ever and parcel of the history of the land for many a long hundred years before the day on which

"King Henrye rode to take the ayre,
Over the river of Thames past hee,
When eighty merchants of England came,
And downe they knelt upon their knee."

The rest of their story is before us in the old ballad of "Sir Andrew Barton, Knight," the Scotch Rover, which gives the account of his defeat and death at the hands of the gallant Sir James and Sir Edward Howard, the latter of whom was made, for his valour, the king's "High Ammiral,"—

"Nowe hath your Grace two ships of war,
Before in England was but one."

The "Great Harry," I suppose. Even so, in these days, the number of our Royal Navy, large as it is, can any day be doubled, and more than doubled, again and again, by the splendid ships of our great merchants, who would come forward with them in a moment should their services ever be required, which, however, may God forbid they ever should.

This may well be seen to be so when in the case of the gentleman before mentioned, no fewer than some fifty-five steamships are owned by himself and his brother, making the largest fleet of steamers in the world owned by a private firm, and trading to the Scandinavian, North Sea, Baltic, Black Sea, Mediterranean, and Atlantic ports, from "the Kingston that is upon Hull."

Mr. Wilson, the owner of Warter Priory and estate, is a younger son of the late Mr. Thomas Wilson and Susannah West Wilson, of Cottingham and Hull, and married, October 5th, 1871, Florence Jane Helen Wellesley, daughter of Colonel Wellesley, late of the 7th. Fusiliers, who has five children, two sons and three daughters.

CHARLES HENRY WELLESLEY WILSON, born January 24th, 1875.

GUY GLENVILLE WILSON, born May 19th, 1877.

Mr. Wilson was returned at the election for Hull in 1874, in the Liberal interest, and also at that in 1880. He has introduced Bills for the closing of public houses on Sunday, and is a strong supporter of legislative measures for lessening the evils of the traffic in intoxicating liquors, and for the total suppression of experiments on living animals. His younger son is a partner in the business of the Holderness Fox-sounds.



KNOLE,

NEAR SEVENOAKS, KENT.—LORD SACKVILLE.

To call Knole a Baronial place or mansion, is by no means to do it justice, far, very far from it indeed, as no one can but say who has seen it, as I have, though now many years ago, but any such length of time makes no difference in a case of this kind, where not only the house itself, but its furniture has been preserved in *statu quo*, exactly as it was in ~~the~~ ^{the} time of its ~~being~~ ^{being} possessed by.

Some notion of the number of the pictures may be formed by the mention of the fact that the paintings ~~are~~ ^{now} numbered fewer than three hundred and six. This precludes even the mere mention of their subjects or of the individual painters of them, many of these the so-called old masters, and in not a few instances, several by one and the same of the most eminent of them. Many also of the portraits, (among which I may briefly mention those of Martin Luther, Thomas Cranmer the Archbishop, Cardinal Wolsey, Milton, Oliver Cromwell, Queen Elizabeth, Queen Mary, John Wickliffe the Reformer, Roger Bacon, Sir Thomas More, Bishop Fisher, King Henry VIII., Anne Boleyn, a miniature, Bishop Gardiner, the Countess of Desmond, stated to have lived to 140, Admiral Blake, Archbishop Bancroft, Archbishop Whitgift the Duke of Alva, etc.,) the names of the painters of which are not known, are believed to have been by the great masters, such as Holbein, and still more by his pupils and ~~imitators~~ ^{assistants} of others.

Had the King been present, he would have been the First, the cost being £20,000.

The **success** of the **present** families who have in

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ROBERT BATHUN.
 RICHARD DE LEBORNE, Bishop of Winchester.
 Hugh Bigod, Earl of Norfolk.
 OTHMO DE GRANTISON.
 GEOFFREY DE SAY.
 RALPH LECHE.
 JAMES FINCH.
 THOMAS BODWELL, Archbishop of Canterbury.
 JOHN MORLTON, Archbishop of Canterbury, Cardinal, and Lord Chancellor.
 HENRY DURE, Archbishop of Canterbury.
 WILLIAM WARHAM, Archbishop of Canterbury.
 THOMAS CRANMER, THE MARTYR, Archbishop of Canterbury.
 KING HENRY THE EIGHTH.
 KING EDWARD THE SIXTH.
 JOHN DUDLEY, Earl of Warwick, afterwards Duke of Northumberland.
 QUEEN MARY.
 REGINALD POLE, Archbishop of Canterbury (and Cardinal). He died on the same day as the Queen, namely, November 17th, 1558.
 QUEEN ELIZABETH.
 SIR ROBERT DUDLEY, afterwards Earl of Leicester. (He restored Knole.)
 QUEEN ELIZABETH, (again).
 THOMAS SACKVILLE, Earl of Dorset, previously Lord Buckhurst.
 THE COUNTESS WHITWORTH.
 THE COUNTESS OF PLYMOUTH, afterwards Countess Amherst. Her husband, Amherst, was the Lord Amherst so well known as Ambassador to China. His ship, the *Amherst*, was wrecked in the frigate *Alceste* on a sunken rock on his voyage home. An interesting account of which, and of his escape with his crew, who were saved, in small open boats, to Pulo Lest, and thence to Batavia, a distance of twenty miles distant, is given in the well-known *Voyage of the Amherst*.
 THE COUNTESS DE LA WAER.
 LORD BUCKHURST (her second surviving son).
 LORD SACKVILLE, (previously the Honourable MORTIMER SACKVILLE, the third surviving son,) on the accession of his elder brother to the Earldom of Dorset, created BARON SACKVILLE, in September, 1603.



CASTLE MACGARRETT,

NEAR BALLINDINE, COUNTY OF MAYO.—LORD ORANMORE.

CASTLE MACGARRETT, which in English means Castle Fitzgerald, was the property of the Fitzgeralds or Prendergasts (as they were variously called), Lords of the Barony of Claremorris, and came into the Browne family by the marriage, in 1564, of Dominick Browne, Esq., of Carra Browne Castle, County of Galway, to Mary, daughter and heiress of Maurice Prendergast, Esq.

In 1694, Geoffrey Browne, Esq. left the old Castle, which was getting unsafe to live in, and built a house in another part of the place, where the family resided till it was burnt in 1811.

The place, which contains two thousand acres of park, is beautifully timbered, and has besides several hundred acres of wood. Some years ago avenues of trees extended for more than two miles on various sides of the house, and though some of the trees have fallen, many of the finest still remain. A Latin ode, written three hundred years ago, mentions the beauty of the trees at Castle Macgarrett. The river Robe runs through the place, besides several smaller streams. There are more than twenty old Danish forts in different parts of the grounds, with subterranean works. The old castle, deserted in 1694, is now a picturesque ruin covered with ivy.

Some of the property has been in Lord Oranmore and Browne's family for more than six hundred years.

SIR DAVID LE BRUN, or BROWNE, had large estates granted to him in Leinster and Connaught after the battle of Athenry in 1316, and of Dundalk in 1318. He, with his son,

AYMER BROWNE, built the Castle of Carra Browne, in Oranmore, near Galway. Seventh after him,

Dominick Browne, married, about the year 1565, Mary, daughter and heiress of Maurice Prendergast, Esq., of Castle Macgarrett, Mayo. Next but one after him,

Sir Dominick Browne, was knighted by Lord Wentworth, afterwards Earl of Strafford, in 1620. His son,

Geoffrey Browne, was one of the envoys from the Confederates to Queen Henrietta in 1647, and to the Duke of Lorraine in 1650. He was much pillaged by Cromwell, the cause of his removing to Castle Macgarrett. He was succeeded by his son,

DOMINICK BROWNE, Esq., of Castle Macgarrett, who was a Colonel in King James's service at the battle of Aughrim, and married, in 1754, Henrietta, daughter of Sir Henry Lynch, Bart. He had

DOMINICK GEOFFREY BROWNE, Esq., a Governor of Mayo, born in 1755, who married, in 1785, Margaret, daughter and heiress of the Honourable George Browne, fourth son of the first Earl of Altamont, and had, with other children, - he died in 1826, -

DOMINICK BROWNE, Esq., born May 28th., 1787, and married, in 1811, to Catherine Anne Isabella Monck, daughter and heiress of Henry Monck, Esq. He was M.P. for the County of Mayo in seven Parliaments, was made a Member of the Privy Council in 1834, and raised to the Peerage of Ireland in 1836. He died January 30th., 1860. Their elder son,

GEOFFREY DOMINICK AUGUSTUS FREDERICK GUTHRIE, second BARON ORANMORE, a Representative Peer of Ireland, born in 1819, married, December 30th., 1859, Christina, only surviving child and heiress of Alexander Guthrie, Esq., of the Mount, Ayrshire, and assumed the latter surname of GUTHRIE only on succeeding to that estate by entail, and had, with two daughters, a son,

GEOFFREY HENRY BROWNE GUTHRIE, born January 6th., 1861.

MELTON CONSTABLE,

NEAR THETFORD, NORFOLK.—LORD HASTINGS.

THIS estate first came into the possession of the family of Lord Hastings by the marriage of Thomas, Lord Astley, with Editha, sister and coheiress of Sir Robert Constable, Knight, the then owner.

The present mansion was erected, in or about the year 1680, by Sir Jacob Astley. It stands on an eminence, of gradual ascent for some miles around, and, having four fronts, has naturally a noble series of home views to the south, east, and west, the to the north being bounded by the open sea.

In the library are many valuable books, besides a very fine collection of prints.

In the grounds is an aviary, containing birds of rich and brilliant plumage.

At a little distance from the house, on the road to Holt, is a lofty tower, also built by Sir Jacob Astley, and well denominated "Belle-vue," for from it a variety of views extends over a richly cultivated country for five and twenty miles in all directions, embracing several villages, Walsham Church, and Holt, Norwich Cathedral and Clay, on the sea coast.

The park, which is four miles in circumference, comprising about seven hundred acres of land, has been greatly improved of late years by planting, and has also the adornment of an extensive expanse of water.

In Dugdale's *Warwickshire* may be found many curious and interesting particulars of the earlier ancestors of this ancient family.

SIR THOMAS ASTLEY, Knight, fell at the battle of Evesham, *tempore Henry III*. By his second wife, Editha, daughter of Peter Constable, Esq., of Melton Constable and coheiress of her brother, Sir Robert Constable, Knight, with whom he acquired the estate, he had three sons, from the second of whom,

THOMAS ASTLEY, of Hill Morton, in Warwickshire, the seventh in succession, descended,

JOHN ASTLEY, of Hill Morton and Melton Constable, who married Frances, daughter and heiress of John Cheyney, Esq., of Sittingbourne, Kent, and was succeeded by his only surviving son,

ISAAC ASTLEY. This gentleman married Mary, daughter of Edward Waldegrave, Esq., of Borley, Essex, and had two sons, of whom the elder,

THOMAS ASTLEY, married Frances, daughter and coheiress of George Deane, Esq., of Tilney, Norfolk. These eldest son, of three,

next, the second, b

SIR ISAAC ARK
had no children, and but

SIR JACOB ASTLEY, KEEPER OF THE STAPLE, the
Honourable Elizabeth Astley, and Sir Philip Wodehouse, Baronet, 1653)
He was created a Baronet of the County of Norfolk in 1653, and sat in
in Parliament for forty years, and was succeeded by his son, Sir Philip
Wodehouse, Baronet, of Wodehouse, in their place.

SIR PHILIP ASTLEY, BARONET, of Astley, daughter and heiress of Thomas Bransby, Esq., of Caistor, Norfolk, was married to Sir Philip Astley, July 7th., 1739, was

SIR JACOB ASTLEY, BARONET, who, by his first wife, whom he married in 1722, Lucy, youngest daughter of Sir Nicholas L'Estrange, Baronet, of Hunstanton, Norfolk, and coheiress of her brother, Sir Henry L'Estrange, deceased, had an only son, who, at his death, January 5th, 1760, succeeded to

SIR EDWARD ASTLEY, BARONET, born in 1770, who married, first, in 1792, Rhoda, eldest surviving daughter of Francis Blake Delaval, Esq., of Seaton Delaval, Northumberland, and sister of John, Lord Delaval, by whom he had six children, who, at his death in 1802, became

SIR JACOB ASTLEY, BARONET, born September 1st, 1756, M.P. for Norfolk for twenty years. He married, in 1789, Hester, youngest daughter and co-heiress of Samuel Browne, Esq., of King's Lynn, Norfolk, and had nine children, of whom, at his decease, April 28th., 1817, the eldest son succeeded to the title.

SIR JACOB ASTLEY, BARONET, born September 13th, 1797, married, 1829, to Georgiana Carolina, second daughter of Sir Henry Wriothesley, 17th Baronet, of the ancient Barony of Hastings, created by Edward VI, 1549, which was then in abeyance, was determined in his favour by the Act of Parliament, 1830, and was summoned to Parliament under that title on December 2nd, 1830, and was followed by his eldest son.

SIR JACOB DELAVAL ASTLEY, Baronet, Barrister-at-Law, M.P. for Norfolk, and Honorary Colonel of the Norfolk Yeomanry, born May 21st, 1822, and married, May 21st, 1846, to Mrs. Mary Cosham, but had no children, died at his residence, 10, Grosvenor Gardens, London, on the 8th, 1871, by his brother.

THE REV. JOHN W. HARRIS, D.D., BOSTON, MASS., BORN AUGUST 8TH, 1812, IN HONOLULU, HAWAII, DIED IN THE SAME CITY, FIRST VICE-CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE HAWAIIAN ISLANDS, WAS

SIR BENJAMIN BROWNE, D.D., was born at Cork, Ireland, on the 9th., 1816, who dying unmarried, left no issue, and by his will, dated the 20th. of January, 1856, bequeathed his library, &c., to the title.

SIR GEORGE MANNERS ASTLEY, B.
Lieutenant in the Prince of Wales' Foot Guards, 7, a



BROCKLEY HALL,

NEAR BRISTOL, SOMERSETSHIRE.—SMYTH-PIGOTT.

THE manor of Brockley Hall was purchased of the then owner in the year 1528 by Colonel Thomas Pigott. It has since, and recently, been greatly enlarged and improved by the representative of the family for the time being.

The entrance hall, which is of spacious size, is surrounded by numerous rooms richly fitted, and containing a valuable series of paintings by ancient and modern masters.

The hall itself is hung with family portraits; chiefly those of the Moores, Wadham, Cowards, and Pigotts; among them being that of John, first Lord Paulet, by Vandyke; of his wife, who was an heiress of the house of the Kenns; of her grandchildren, by two marriages of her daughter, the first with Thomas Smith, Esq., of Long Ashton, and the second with Colonel Thomas Pigott, of Brockley; of Colonel John Pigott, M.P. for Somersetshire in 1705; of his son, John Pigott, Esq., who died when Sheriff of the county in 1730, by Sir Peter Lely; of Thomas Coward, Esq., Recorder of Winchester, by Sir Peter Lely; Thomas Coward, Esq., High Sheriff of Somersetshire in 1771, through whom the Pigotts claim descent from Edward I., by Gainsborough; of Sir Nicholas Wadham, the founder of Wadham College, Oxford; Sir Hugh Smyth, Sheriff of the county in 1808, by Hobday; and of Mr. and Mrs. Smyth-Pigott, in water-colours, by Prince Hoare; and their daughter, Mrs. Provis, by Gainsborough.

The chairs in the hall are worthy of mention, having once belonged to King Charles I.

The staircase is lighted by a window of stained glass.

The grounds are extremely beautiful, including the romantic scenery of Brockley Coombe, with extensive shrubberies and pleasure-grounds.

The park is well stocked with deer, and contains a herony of ancient date, and from the top of the neighbouring Down there is a splendid view of the country far and near, taking in Breah Down, Cleve Toot, Cadbury Hill, Yatton, and the coast of Clevedon, crowned by the ruins of Walton Castle, with the water of the Bristol Channel in the distance, bounded by the coast of Wales.

Brockley Church is a beautiful structure, with monuments of members of the family, by Chantrey, Bailey, and other sculptors of eminence.

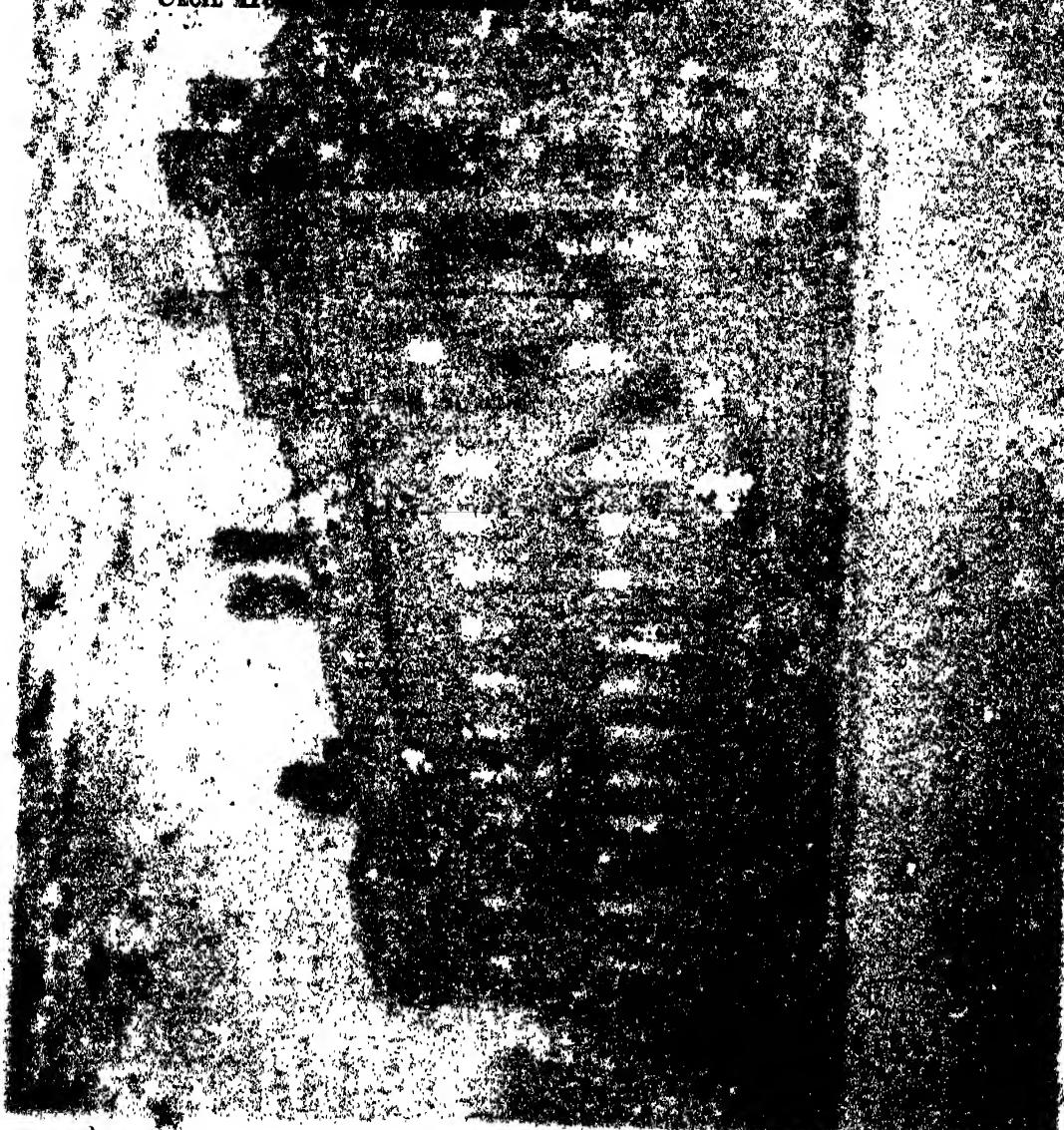
Colonel Thomas Pigott went over to Ireland in 1641, and purchased the manor

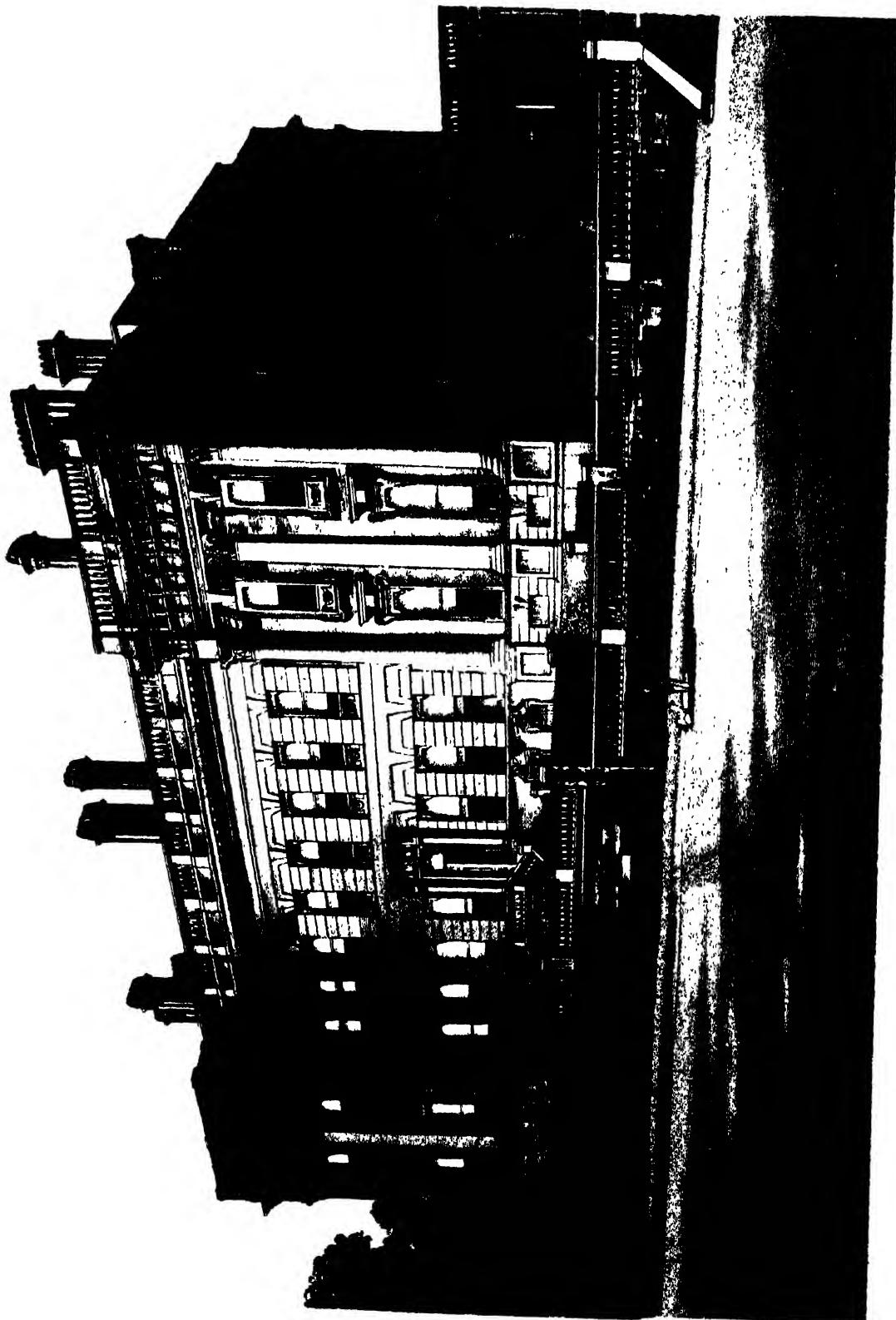
Brockley, and also of Kingstret Somers, and of the
Brockley Estate, which he still retains, and is the
representative of the family.

JOHN HUCK-SMYTH, Esq., of Brockley Hall, Brockley,
R.A.S., J.P., and D.L., High Sheriff of Lancashire
1815, died 1852, and was buried at Brockley on 29th
October 1852.

JOHN HUCK WADHAM PROUD, Esq., of Brockley Hall,
and the Grove, J.P. and D.L., High Sheriff of Lancashire,
second daughter of Randal Hock, Esq., of Brockley, and others,
the eldest son being

CECIL HUCK-SMYTH,





HEYTHROP,

NEAR CHIPPING-NOTON, OXFORDSHIRE.—BRASSEY.

HEYTHROP is a stately mansion built in the Grecian style.

The rooms are large, and highly ornamented, some of them being also hung with tapestry.

The grounds are extensive, and well supplied with the adornments of wood and water.

In a former account of the place the conservatory is stated to be nearly two hundred and fifty feet long.

An account of the earlier descents of this family has been given in a previous page of the present work. It is therefore only necessary here to begin with

THOMAS BRASSEY, Esq., of Bulkeley, Cheshire, born November 7th., 1805, who succeeded to the representation of the senior branch at the death of his uncle in 1843. He married, December 27th., 1831, Maria Farrington, daughter of Joseph Harrison, Esq., of Liverpool, and had issue

1. THOMAS BRASSEY, his heir, of Bulkeley and Normanhurst.

2. JOHN BRASSEY, born June 1st., died June 16th., 1839.

3. HENRY ARTHUR BRASSEY, of Preston Hall, Aylesford, Kent, and M.P. for Sandwich, born July 11th., 1840, married, June 24th., 1866, Anna Harriet, daughter of George Robert Stephenson, Esq., of Tongwood, Hawkhurst, Kent, an officer in the Seventh Dragoon Guards, and Major in the West Kent Militia, and had issue,

Arthur Albert, born March 4th., 1868, died June 1st., 1869.

Henry Leonard Campbell, born March 7th., 1870.

Ethel Anna Maria.

Hilda Madeline.

Florence Maud.

Evelyn Mildred.

— ARTHUR BRASSEY.

The fourth son,

ARTHUR BRASSEY, Esq., an officer in the Fourteenth Hussars, J.P. for Oxfordshire, born February 23rd., 1844, married, January 12th., 1871, the Honourable Matilda

Marie Helena Bingham, daughter of John Charles Robert Bingham, fourth Lord Clanmorris, and had

ROBERT BINGHAM, born in 1875.

Lilian Maude.

Mary Eleanor Anne.

Rose Zena Maria.

BERKELEY CASTLE.

NEAR BERKELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.—BARON FITZHARDINGE.

BERKELEY CASTLE must ever hold a memorable place on the page of English history, as it was here that King Edward the Second was murdered by the hands of Maltravers and Gournay. The room in which the evil deed was perpetrated is still to be seen, just as it was then in those ancient times. It is described as a dismal chamber, and now called the Dungeon Room, situated over the steps leading to the Keep.

"This ancient baronial residence is supposed, from its structure, to be of Norman origin. The walls are high and massive, with towers and buttresses at unequal distances, and an arched entrance apparently of Norman construction. The Donjon Keep is built on a mound, and rises above the rest of the building; it is flanked by three semicircular towers, and a square one of later date, all embattled; on the top of the Keep is a walk fifty-eight feet long, for the warder, which office in this castle was anciently maintained by the family of Thorpe, who for that service held their lands of the Lords of Berkeley.

"The Chapel, the oldest private chapel known, the Great Hall, the Kitchen of curious workmanship, the Great Dining Chamber, etc., have remained upwards of six hundred and seventy years in use for the purposes for which they were originally constructed."

ROBERT FITZHARDINGE sided with the Empress Maud and her son, Henry the Second, against Stephen, and was rewarded with the Lordship of Berkeley, of which the owner, Roger de Berkely, was at the same time deprived for taking part with the latter. He entertained, at Bristol, in 1168, Dermot Mac Murrough, King of Leinster, with sixty of his retinue, when he came over to ask for succour from King Henry. In direct descent from him was

Thomas de Berkley, who was summoned to Parliament as BARON BERKELEY from June 1295, to May 15th., 1321. After him, in direct succession,

Richard Berkley, fourteenth BARON BERKELEY, was created, September 11th., 1679, Viscount Dursley and Earl of BERKELEY. In lineal descent from him,

Augustus Augustus Berkley, the fifth EARL OF BERKELEY, married, May 16th., 1796, Miss Mary Cole, and had ten children, of whom the eldest son was created,

in 1841, EARL FITZHARDINGE, but died unmarried, October 10th., 1857. His next brother,

SIR MAURICE FREDERICK FITZHARDINGE BERKELEY, Admiral of the Blue, C.C.B., P.C., born January 3rd., 1788, was created, August 5th., 1861, BARON FITZHARDINGE. He married, first, December 4th., 1828, Lady Charlotte Lennox, sixth daughter of Charles, fourth Duke of Gordon. Her Ladyship died August 20th., 1833. Their eldest son,

FRANCIS WILLIAM FITZHARDINGE BERKELEY, second BARON FITZHARDINGE, Lieutenant-Colonel of the Royal Horse Guards, M.P., and Colonel of the South Gloucestershire Militia, born November 16th., 1826, married, November 24th., 1857, Georgina, only daughter of Colonel William Holme Sumner, of Hatchlands, Surrey.

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